

ST. DAVID'S SCHOOL Upper School Summer Reading 2021

Dear St. David's Students and Families:

St. David's Summer Reading Program is an important component of our academic curriculum. The **required** summer readings are carefully selected by the instructors of the Upper School courses to set the groundwork for the themes and content of the coming year's studies. Students should note the required readings in the Humanities, English, AP, and language courses for which they are registered.

The titles on the Upper School **suggested** reading lists are chosen to enhance the year's curriculum and to expose students to important and interesting works. These include literature classics that introduce students to the concepts, characters, themes, and literary allusions that have become part of our cultural conversation. Also included are more contemporary fiction and nonfiction.

Enjoy your readings and have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely yours, Ginny Cline, Director of Libraries



All Humanities 9 students are asked to read the following two requirements and complete the writing assignment, which will be provided by the instructors. Students are highly encouraged to read an additional book from the suggested reading list below. Please come to class ready to discuss the readings. Group activities, oral presentations, or written assessments will be part of the first week of class.

Required: Psalms 8, 14

The Biblical Psalter has been the prayer book for the people of God for thousands of years. It contains a wide variety of prayers, such as praises, confessions, thanksgivings, and laments, borne out of a profound diversity of experiences with God and the world. The Psalter is also a theological work, shaping the moral imagination of God's covenantal people as it reflects upon the "blessed man" living in a broken world (Ps. 1). And as "The words of men to God have become the words of God to men," these prayers serve as revelation of the Messiah who is to embody the "blessed man," entering into human suffering (Ps. 22) and faithfully living out the glory of God in this world (Ps.146). In light of their beautiful poetry, their profound theological expressions, and their significant historical references, we will explore various psalms throughout the year as they provide a wide range of reflections on God, humanity, and the world.

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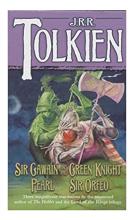
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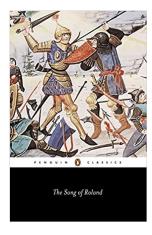
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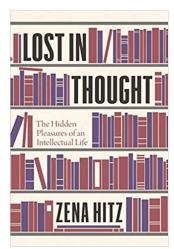
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Required Reading: Lost in Thought: The Hidden Pleasures of an Intellectual Life by Zena Hitz ISBN: 9780691178714



Zena Hitz's *Lost in Thought* challenges our culture's common conception that the value of knowledge stems entirely from its utility. Through a mixture of memoir, reflection, and stories, the author recalls her own surmounting of the anxiety of uselessness and of the related fear that immersion in the life of the mind somehow cuts us off from what really matters. This is a timeless lesson, but one that is lost amidst the myriad distractions of modern life and the related impression that such learning is either elitist or a distraction from political activism. *Lost in Thought* both reminds us of the sources of this human longing and instructs us how best to confront the things which distract us from it.

To complement the summer reading and begin preparing you for the aural and visual learning of Humanities 11, we've curated four pieces of music and three paintings for you to engage. Palestrina's *Sicut Cervus* sets the opening of Psalm 42. Composed for four voices, the motet marks a high achievement of early polyphony where each voice longingly searches for resolution. *Spem in Alium* by Thomas Tallis takes us to the height of Renaissance polyphony. A contemporary of Shakespeare, Tallis composed *Spem in Alium* during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The piece is a dazzling display of 40 parts or voices that interweave into a seamless and robust composition. In addition to the choral pieces, Bach's *Well-Tempered Clavier* and *Cello Suites* will introduce you to instrumental music. In both we behold Bach, the learned musician, exploring the essence and limits of music. For visual art, Brueghel's *Landscape with the Fall of Icarus* depicts a shockingly tragic moment against a serene seascape in the midst of daily life. Joseph Wright of Derby's *An Experiment on a Bird in the Air Pump* crowds women and children and naturalists around a scientific experiment: an attempt to create a vacuum. Finally, Albert Bierstadt's *Among the Sierra Nevada Mountains California* brings us to the glory



of American landscape paintings, capturing the sublime magnificence of nature. A Spotify playlist and OneDrive link with images of the paintings will be sent to students during the summer vacation. Above all, enjoy the music and paintings.

Suggested Summer Reading

Fiction

Action/Adventure

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

An imaginative and mischievous boy named Tom Sawyer lives with his Aunt Polly and his half-brother, Sid, in the Mississippi River town of St. Petersburg, Missouri during the 1800s.

Jason and the Golden Fleece (The Argonautica) by Apollonius,

translated by Richard Hunter

Written in the 3rd century BC, this epic poem is the story of Jason's quest for the Golden Fleece and his efforts to win the heart of the witch-princess Medea.

Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson

When a young orphan discovers that he may be the rightful heir to his uncle's estate, he finds himself kidnapped and cast away on a desert isle.

The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas

During the reign of France's King Louis XIII, D'Artagnan and three musketeers unite to defend the honor of Anne of Austria against the plots of Cardinal Richelieu.

Drama

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof by Tennessee Williams

The story of a wealthy southern family and the secrets that are revealed during a gathering to celebrate Big Daddy's sixty-fifth birthday.

Henry IV, Part I by William Shakespeare

Describes the turbulent history of 15th century England, where the battle for the crown is marked by rebellion, deceit, and bloodshed.

Henry IV, Part II by William Shakespeare

Picking up where *Henry IV*, *Part I* left off, this tells the story of King Henry IV during his final months of life, his reconciliation with his wayward heir, and his eventual death.

Oedipus the King by Sophocles

In the story of Oedipus Rex, Laius, the King of Thebes, finds an oracle foretelling that the child born to him by his queen would slay his father and wed his mother.



A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams

Blanche DuBois, a haggard and fragile southern beauty, finds her pathetic last grasp at happiness cruelly destroyed in large part by her brother-in-law.

Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare

Delightfully comic tale of mistaken identities revolves around the physical likeness between Sebastian and his twin sister Viola, each of whom, when separated after a shipwreck, believes the other to be dead.

Uncle Vanya by Anton Chekhov

An elderly professor and his young glamorous wife visit a rural estate and become entangled in the lives of the local residents.

Fantasy and Fable

The Great Divorce by C.S Lewis

In this moral fable, an ordinary Englishman is swept into a journey through heaven and hell during which he comes to understand the consequences of everyday behavior.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame by Victor Hugo

Set in the year 1482, this classic French novel describes medieval life as it focuses on the virtues and passions of Quasimodo the hunchback, the beautiful Esmeralda, and Claude Frollo, Archdeacon of Notre Dame.

General Fiction

The Chosen by Chaim Potok

The classic story of two Jewish fathers and their sons and the pressures on all of them to pursue the religion they share in the way that is best suited to each.

The Code of the Woosters by P.G Wodehouse

In this comedy, Bertie Wooster finds himself in need of his gentleman's gentleman Jeeves's help when Aunt Dahlia demands that he help her get an antique cow creamer from Totleigh Towers.

Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton

Accused of murdering a white man, a young black man in South Africa is helped by his minister father and by a white attorney, but the racial problems of the country prevent justice from being done.

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens

Follows the story of a boy born into poverty, sent to boarding school, and eventually ending up in London, where he encounters a varied cast of characters and becomes a successful novelist.

East of Eden by John Steinbeck

Recounts the violent and emotionally turbulent history of a Salinas Valley family through several generations.



Emma by Jane Austen

A lively young heiress takes up matchmaking, and her schemes result in comic confusion for a social-climbing parson, a chatterbox spinster, an enigmatic Romeo, and other inhabitants of a 19th-century English village.

A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

An American ambulance driver serving on the Austro-Italian front in World War I becomes entangled with an English nurse and deserts to join her after the retreat of Caparetto.

For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway

At the height of the Spanish Civil War, American Robert Jordan, who has left the United States to enlist on the Republican side in the war, travels behind enemy lines to work with Spanish guerrilla fighters.

Gilead by Marilynne Robinson

Toward the end of his life, Reverend John Ames begins a letter to his young son, sharing the story of his life and explaining how his faith influenced his choices and actions.

The House of Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorne

A prominent New England family is suffering under a curse brought upon them by an ancestor who stole land from a man by accusing him of witchcraft.

The Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

In the course of his wanderings from a Southern college to New York's Harlem, an African-American man becomes involved in a series of adventures.

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

In 1949, four Chinese women, recent immigrants to San Francisco, are drawn together to form the Joy Luck Club. Nearly forty years later, they encourage the daughter of a deceased member to travel to China to meet her estranged sisters.

The Love of the Last Tycoon by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Published after the author's death, this novel describes the rise to power of a Hollywood producer, his relationship with a rival, and love affair with a young widow.

Middlemarch by George Eliot

Tells of the courtship and eventual marriage of Lydgate and Rosamond, two inherently incompatible people whose relationship never becomes completely harmonious.

My Antonia by Willa Cather

When he goes to live with his grandparents, Jim Burden arrives in the town of Black Hawk, Nebraska, on the same train as the Shimerdas family. Jim meets their daughter, Antonia, and a relationship develops.

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

In nineteenth-century England, a young orphan runs away from a workhouse, is captured by a gang of thieves, and finally escapes.



The Red Pony by John Steinbeck

Ownership of a beautiful red pony teaches ten-year-old Jody about life and death. *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen

Two sisters of opposing temperaments share the pangs of tragic love. Their mutual suffering brings a closer understanding between the two sisters, and true love finally triumphs.

The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte

An enigmatic young woman moves to 19th century Yorkshire with a young son. Distancing herself from everyone in the village and their prying questions, she remains aloof until a charming neighbor gets her to reveal her past.

Tender Is the Night by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Set in the South of France in the decade after World War I, this is the story of a brilliant and magnetic psychiatrist named Dick Diver and a bewitching, wealthy, unstable patient, Nicole, who becomes his wife.

To Have and To Hold by Mary Johnston

A fledgling colony on the shores of the James River struggles to survive and earn the good will of the King of England, as Spanish dons, ruthless pirates, and lurking Indians plot to destroy Jamestown and its handful of colonists.

The Trial by Franz Kafka

Josef K., an average bank employee, is arrested by an officer of the court in the large city where he lives. Strangely enough, he has no idea why he was arrested, and he tries in vain to discover how he has aroused the suspicion of the court.

Wise Blood by Flannery O'Connor

The story of a confused and isolated young man from Tennessee who as a child felt certain he was destined to become a preacher like his grandfather. This certainty begins to fade when he is drafted by the army and sent overseas.

Historical Fiction

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

Paul Bäumer and his classmates enlist in the German army during World War I. They become soldiers with youthful enthusiasm, but the reality and horror of war quickly sets in.

Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy

Married to a powerful government minister, the beautiful Anna Karenina falls in love with a wealthy army officer, the elegant Count Vronsky. Ostracized by her peers, Anna finds herself unable to escape a hopeless situation.



Ben Hur by Lew Wallace

When a Jewish charioteer's family is wrongly accused and convicted of treason during the time of Christ, he fights to clear his family's name. Ultimately, he becomes inspired by Jesus Christ and his message.

The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoevsky

In this Russian novel, three brothers involved in the murder of their despicable father find their lives irrevocably altered as they are driven by intense emotions of rage and revenge.

Science Fiction

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

In a utopian world order in A.F. 632, world controllers rule the world and ensure the stability of society through a caste system established at birth. Members receive rations of a drug which ensures that no one feels pain or unhappiness.

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

In order to develop a defense against a hostile alien's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers. A brilliant young boy, Ender Wiggin, is drafted to the orbiting Battle School for military training.

Illustrated Man by Ray Bradbury

A young man meets an Illustrated Man, whose tattoos are imbued with the power to tell stories and see the future. Despite the Illustrated Man's warnings, he looks at the tattoos, which tell him eighteen sobering stories about the future.

A Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne

A geology professor mounts an expedition that descends into a subterranean world of luminous rocks, antediluvian forests, and fantastic marine life — a living past that holds the secrets to the origins of human existence. <u>Show more</u>

The Space Trilogy: Out of the Silent Planet; Perelandra; That Hideous Strength by C.S. Lewis

Dr. Ransom is abducted by a megalomaniacal physicist and his accomplice and taken by spaceship to the planet of Malacandra as a human sacrifice. Once on the planet, Ransom's life is at risk as he eludes his captors.

The Time Machine by H.G Wells

A nameless time traveler is hurtled into the year 802,701 by his elaborate ivory, crystal, and brass invention. The world he finds is occupied by two races: the decadent Eloi, and the simian subterranean Morlocks, who prey on them.



Nonfiction

Biography/Autobiography

An American Childhood by Annie Dillard

Annie Dillard writes in a poignant and vivid memoir about her childhood growing up in Pittsburgh during the 1950's.

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy by Eric Metaxas

This book chronicles the life of German Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, focusing on his time in Germany after leaving America in 1939, his controversial writings, and his involvement in the plot to assassinate Hitler.

Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery by Russell Freedman

An impeccably researched, highly readable study of one of this country's greatest first ladies who was the first wife of a president to have a public life and career of her own. *John Adams* by David McCullough

The life of the second president, John Adams, is chronicled in this Pulitzer Prize winning book, which describes Adams' international exploits, his marriage to Abigail, and the complexity of his friendship with Thomas Jefferson.

Lincoln's Virtues: An Ethical Biography by William Lee Miller Traces Abraham Lincoln's moral and intellectual development in the context of his times and in contrast with the leading issues of the day, including slavery.

Mornings on Horseback: The Story of an Extraordinary Family, a Vanished Way of Life and the Unique Child Who Became Theodore Roosevelt by David McCullough A National Book Award winner, this biography follows the years of Teddy Roosevelt from age ten to adulthood.

Night by Eli Weisel

In 1944, twelve-year-old Elie Wiesel and his family are shipped with trainloads of other Jews to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi concentration camp. This is a candid and deeply poignant autobiographical account of Weisel's survival.

Seven Men: And the Secret of Their Greatness by Eric Metaxas

Short portraits of seven men who experienced struggles and challenges, but who demonstrated what it means to be men of character and faith. Included are George Washington, William Wilberforce, Eric Liddell, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Jackie Robinson, Pope John Paul II, and Charles Colson.

Seven Women: And the Secret of Their Greatness by Eric Metaxas

Included are women who changed the course of history by following God's calling: Joan of Arc, Susanna Wesley, Hannah More, Saint Maria of Paris, Corrie ten Boom, Rosa Parks, and Mother Teresa.



Shadow of the Almighty: The Life and Testament of Jim Elliot by Elisabeth Elliot This memoir tells of the martyrdom of Jim Elliot and four other missionaries at the hands of the Auca Indians in Ecuador. Elliot's diaries fill in the details of a life dedicated to spreading the word of Christ.

Story of My Life by Helen Keller

In this inspirational autobiography, Helen Keller tells of her early life, her relationship with her teacher Anne Sullivan, and her struggle to triumph over blindness and deafness.

Tortured for Christ by Richard Wurmbrand

This is the true account of a former pastor to Romania who relates his horrific experiences during fourteen years in a Communist prison.

General Nonfiction

Band of Brothers: E Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne: From Normandy to Hitler's Eagle's Nest by Stephen Ambrose

Based on interviews with survivors and soldiers' journals, this book follows the brave men of Easy Company during the harrowing events of World War II.

The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

In this Christian classic, one of the most important theologians of the 20th century explains what it means to follow Christ.

Democracy in America by Alexis de Tocqueville

In 1831, Alexis de Tocqueville, a young French aristocrat and ambitious civil servant, made a nine-month journey throughout America. The result is this monumental study of the life and institutions of the evolving nation.

The Histories by Herodotus

The Greek historian, Herodotus (c.485-425 BC) left his native town of Halicarnassus to travel extensively. This is his collection of historical, geographical, mythological, and archaeological materials from this time.

History of the Peloponnesian War by Thucydides

Written four hundred years before the birth of Christ, this is a detailed contemporary account of the struggle between Athens and Sparta.

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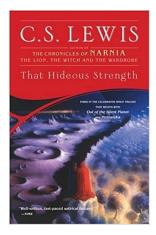


ST. DAVID'S SCHOOL Upper School Summer Reading 2021 English IV (Rising 12th Grade)

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Required: English IV

That Hideous Strength by C.S. Lewis ISBN: 9780743234924



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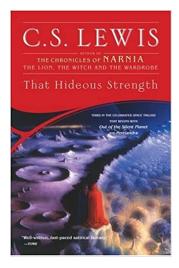


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- James, Henry...The Bostonians; The Portrait of a Lady; The Wings of the Dove
- Kafka, Franz... The Castle; The Trial
- Mann, Thomas...Death in Venice; The Magic Mountain
- Melville, Herman...Moby Dick; Typee
- Milton, John...Lycidas; Paradise Lost; Samson Agonistes
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- Proust, Marcel...Swann's Way; Within a Budding Grove
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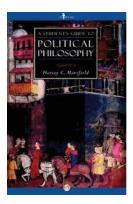
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ST. DAVID'S SCHOOL Upper School Summer Reading 2021 AP Government

Required Reading: AP Government

A Student's Guide to Political Philosophy by Harvey Mansfield (ISI Guides to the Major Disciplines) ISBN: 978-1882926435



Harvey Mansfield's *A Student's Guide to Political Philosophy* is a brief, but broad introduction to Western political thought. The book provides an intellectual background to the American founding and we will begin our study of American Government by considering the classical, medieval and early modern roots of what might be termed "American Order."



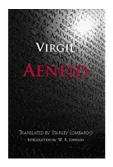
ST. DAVID'S SCHOOL Upper School Summer Reading 2021 Department of Classical Languages

The Department of Classical Languages requires summer reading of its students taking Latin V: AP Latin, Caesar and Vergil.

The department has an optional text for its students in Latin II, III, IV; and in Greek I, II, III. (Middle school students taking Latin II: Please see the summer reading list under Middle School: Department of Classical Languages.)

AP Latin V: Vergil: Required Reading

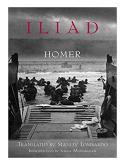
Aeneid by Vergil, translated by Stanley Lombardo ISBN: 9780872207318 (Please use this edition.)



Students are to read the entire *Aeneid* in English from the edition referenced above in preparation for their work with this poem during the year.

Latin II, III, IV; and Greek I, II, III: Optional Reading

Iliad by Homer, translated by Stanley Lombardo ISBN: 978-0872203525 (Please use this edition.)



Students may read *Iliad* in English from the edition referenced above in preparation for their work with this poem during the year.



ST. DAVID'S SCHOOL Upper School Summer Reading 2021 Spanish Culture and Conversation

Required: Spanish Culture and Conversation

La Hija del Sastre by Carrie Toth and Carol Gaab

Available at: <u>https://fluencymatters.com/product/la-hija-del-sastre-reader/</u>



"Growing up in a Republican family during Franco's fascist rule of Spain, Emilia Matamoros discovers just how important keeping a secret can be! After her father, a former captain in the Republican army, goes into hiding, Emilia not only must work as a seamstress to support her family, she must work to guard a secret that will protect her father and save her family from certain death. Will her innocence be lost, and will she succumb to the deceptive and violent tactics of Franco's fascist regime?" -Publisher

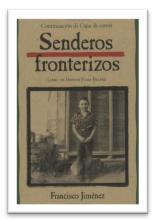


ST. DAVID'S SCHOOL Upper School Summer Reading 2021 AP Spanish Language and Culture

Required: AP Spanish Language and Culture

Senderos fronterizos by Francisco Jiménez (Spanish edition)

Available at <u>https://www.amazon.com/Senderos-fronterizos-Breaking-Through-Spanish/dp/0618226184</u>



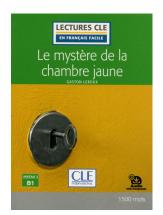
"At the age of fourteen, Francisco Jimenez, together with his older brother Roberto and his mother, are caught by *la migra*. Forced to leave their home, the entire family travels all night for twenty hours by bus, arriving at the U.S. and Mexican border in Nogales, Arizona. In the months and years that follow, Francisco, his mother and father, and his seven brothers and sister not only struggle to keep their family together, but also face crushing poverty, long hours of labor, and blatant prejudice. How they sustain their hope, their good-heartedness, and tenacity is revealed in this moving sequel to *Cajas de cartón (The Circuit)*. Without bitterness or sentimentality, Francisco Jimenez finishes telling the story of his youth."



ST. DAVID'S SCHOOL Upper School Summer Reading 2021 Department of Modern Languages French IV Honors

Required Reading: Le mystère de la chamber jaune by Gaston Leroux

Available at: <u>https://www.cle-international.com/adolescents/le-mystere-de-la-chambre-jaune-niveau-3b1-lecture-cle-en-francais-facile-livre-audio-telechargeable-9782090311280.html</u>



"The young lady had just retired to her room when sounds of a struggle ensue, and cries of "Murder!" and revolver shots ring out. When her locked door is finally broken down by her father and a servant, they find the woman on the floor, badly hurt and bleeding. No one else is in the room. There is no other exit except through a barred window. How did the attacker escape? First published in 1907, this intriguing and baffling tale is a classic of early 20th-century detective fiction. At the heart of the novel is a perplexing mystery: How could a crime take place in a locked room which shows no sign of being entered? Nearly a century after its initial publication, Leroux's landmark tale of foul play, deception, and unbridled ambition remains a blueprint for the detective novel genre. Written by the immortal author of *The Phantom of the Opera*, this atmospheric thriller is still a favorite of whodunit fans everywhere." -Publisher



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« Un enfant est curieux. Il pose beaucoup de questions et il attend des réponses précises et convaincantes. On ne triche pas avec les questions d'un enfant. C'est en m'accompagnant à une manifestation contre un projet de loi sur l'immigration que ma fille m'a interrogé sur le racisme. Nous avons beaucoup parlé. Les enfants sont mieux placés que quiconque pour comprendre qu'on ne naît pas raciste mais qu'on le devient. Parfois. Ce livre qui essaie de répondre aux questions de ma fille s'adresse aux enfants qui n'ont pas encore de préjugés et veulent comprendre. Quant aux adultes qui le liront, j'espère qu'il les aidera à répondre aux questions, plus embarrassantes qu'on ne le croit, de leurs propres enfants. » Tahar Ben Jelloun