

## Upper School Summer Reading Requirement for incoming Freshman:

Welcome to the St. Paul's Upper School! The beginning of any new school year is a busy time and one way that we work with families and students to prepare is to ask incoming Freshman **to read any 3** of the following short stories by the start of school.

### **Short Stories**

[Apollo—Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie](#). Young man talks to his parents about the past.

["A Rose for Emily" by William Faulkner](#) The mysteries of a southern town are revealed.

["A&P" by John Updike](#) -A young man comes to a realization about his life through an interaction at work.

["The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson](#) - A small village picks a winner.

["A Sound of Thunder" by Ray Bradbury](#) - A man gambles with time travel.

["The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien](#) - Soldiers wrestle with tangible and intangible things that they carry during the Vietnam War. Students only need to read the first chapter in the PDF.

["The Half Skinned Steer" by Annie Proulx](#) --A man is haunted by his past

["The Destroyers" by Graham Green](#) --Gang of boys dismantle a house from the inside

["Araby" by James Joyce](#) --a young man discovers a hard truth about himself.

["Swallows" by David Huddle](#) --a young woman's experience at camp is formative.

[A Perfect Day for Bananafish by JD Salinger](#) --A man shares a story with a young girl on the beach

[A Temporary Matter by Jhumpa Lahiri](#) --a young married couple struggle with their past.