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BONI LIBRI Reading Lists 2025-2026

Logic and Rhetoric Schools (7th-12th Grades)

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The following books are offered in addition to the regular reading assignments that will be provided in history and literature courses. The Boni Libri readings are accessible and enjoyable – they are designed to nurture a love of reading. The books on each list are related to the period of study in history and literature for 2024-25. Students will be *encouraged* (not required) to read SIX books on the list –two over the summer and one per quarter during the school year. If desired, all or most of the books may be read over the summer. Although there is no requirement to read the recommended books, by way of encouragement, students who read will be eligible to receive 5% extra credit on a literature/history homework or participation grade of their choice (per book). To receive the extra credit, the student must have a parent's signature verifying that they have in fact read the specified book.

Please note that additional student reading is not limited to these lists. We hope that a student may enjoy a particular author or two and choose to read other works by that author. Happy Reading!

11th/12th Medieval

The Lord of the Rings (Fellowship of the Ring, The Two Towers, The Return of the King), Tolkien
The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood, Pyle
The Once and Future King, White
Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare
The Merchant of Venice, Shakespeare
King Lear, Shakespeare
Ivanhoe, Scott
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, Twain
The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Hugo
The Black Arrow, Stevenson
Don Quixote, Cervantes
The Pilgrim's Progress, Bunyan
The White Horse King, Merkle
The Chronicles of Narnia (all 7 books), Lewis
The Great Divorce, Lewis
Out of the Silent Planet, Lewis
Perelandra, Lewis
The Acts of Kind Arthur and His Noble Knights, Steinbeck
The Story of King Arthur and His Knights, Pyle
King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table, Green
The Adventures of Robin Hood, Green
The Poetic Edda (a.k.a. Elder Edda)
The Prose Edda
Nibelungenlied
The Silmarillion, Tolkien
Alfred the Great, Abbott
William the Conqueror, Abbott
King Richard I, Abbott
Margaret of Anjou, Abbott

10th Modern European

The Scarlet Pimpernel, Baroness Orczy
Fathers and Sons, Turgenev
The Good Earth, Buck
The Hiding Place, Corrie Ten Boom
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Jules Verne
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Arthur Conan Doyle
Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson
A Midsummer Night's Dream, Shakespeare
As You Like It, Shakespeare
Persuasion, Austen
Swiss Family Robinson, Wyss
Gulliver's Travels, Swift
Grimm's Fairy Tales
Peter Pan, Barrie
Darkness at Noon, Arthur Koestler
The Man Who Was Thursday, Chesterton
The Thirty-Nine Steps, Buchan
The Moonstone, Wilkie Collins
All Quiet on the Western Front, Remarque
The Picture of Dorian Gray, Wilde
Tortured for Christ, Wurmbrand
That Hideous Strength, Lewis

9th American

The Light in the Forest, Richter
The Killer Angels, Shaara
Little Women, Alcott
Up From Slavery, Washington
Walden, Thoreau
For Whom the Bells Toll, Hemingway
The Deer Slayer, Cooper
Native Son, Wright
Call of the Wild, London
White Fang, London
American Tall Tales, Osborne
Anne of Green Gables, Montgomery
My Antonia, Cather
Fahrenheit 451, Bradbury
Born Again, Colson
Jayber Crow, Berry
Uncle Tom's Cabin, Stowe
The Red Badge of Courage, Crane
Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption, Hillenbrand

8th Modern

The Hound of Baskervilles, Doyle
The Outsiders, Hinton
Holes, Sachar
A Wrinkle in Time, L'Engle
Hatchet, Paulson
The Giver, Lowry
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Verne
The 39 Steps, Buchan
Captain's Courageous, Kipling
The Jungle Book, Kipling
Escape from Warsaw, Serrailier
Around the World in Eighty Days, Jules Vern

7th Early Modern

Heidi, Spyri
The Secret Garden, Burnett
The Scarlet Pimpernel, Orczy
The Three Musketeers, Dumas
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Verne
Mutiny on the Bounty, Nordhoff
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Conan Doyle
Treasure Island, Stevenson
Swiss Family Robinson, Wyss
Peter Pan, Barrie
The Moonstone, Collins
The Prince and the Pauper, Twain
The Yearling, Rawlings
Johnny Tremain, Forbes
Last of the Mohicans, Cooper