

Upper School of Logic and Rhetoric

Summer Reading Assignments 2025



Students in the Upper School of Logic and Rhetoric read one Common book and one English book assigned by grade. Scroll down for the assignments related to each book, including this year's "Un"Common Read.

"Un"Common Read (grades 7-12): Students will read the book they signed up for at the Book Fair on Tuesday, June 3rd. A confirmation of their book and the specific assignment sheet will be in an email from the book facilitator the week of June 9th.

Grade 7 English: Read *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* and complete the assignment as outlined by Mrs. Russell.

Grade 8 English: Read four short stories and complete the assignment as outlined by Mrs. Russell.

Grade 9 English: Read George MacDonald's *Fairy Tales*, visit a ruin, and write a myth.

Grade 10 English: Read *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* (the Tolkien translation), visit a wilderness, find a green chapel, and draw a picture.

Grade 11 English: Read *My Antonia* by Willa Cather and visit a farm or homestead, take photos, and write an accompanying poem.

Grade 12 English: Read Calvino's *Invisible Cities*, visit a city, and create your own invisible city.

**CCA students enrolled before August 1st should complete these assignments in full by the first day of classes and bring the assignments with them on the first day. New students enrolled after August 1st will be exempt from the written work, but should read as much of the text as they are able.*

10th Grade Summer Reading: Wilderness Journey

Read Sir Gawain, Visit the Wilderness, Find a Green Chapel, Draw a Picture

Student Name: _____

What place in the wilderness did you visit? _____

What was the date of your journey? _____

Part 1: Read **J.R.R. Tolkien's translation of *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*** in its entirety.

We suggest you finish the book by mid-to-late July.

Part 2: Take a walk through a wild, but safe, wilderness until you come upon a place that feels like your own Green Chapel—a place where you can confront God and confront yourself. Rest for a while there and, while you do so, use the space below to record some observations about it. **Do this in sentence form.**

What was the weather like when you visited this place?

What trees, flowers, or plants caught your eye as you journeyed, and why?

What sounds caught your ear along the way?

What special place was your green chapel?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Either at the moment or in retrospect, sketch, paint, or draw your Green Chapel, including as many details as possible from the questions you answered above. Then, explain why you chose this place and **what parts of yourself you confronted at your Green Chapel.**

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Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____
Date: _____