

# 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.*

## 11th Grade Summer Reading: Homestead Journey

*Read My Antonia, Visit a Farm or Homestead, Take a Picture, Write a Poem*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What farm or homestead did you visit? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the date of your journey? \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 1:** Read **Willa Cather's *My Antonia*** in its entirety. We suggest you finish the book by mid-to-late July.

**Part 2:** Take an in-person trip to a farm or homestead. It could be a family farm. It could be an industrial farm. It could be a farm that's publicly accessible. As long as it's a place where food is grown or animals are raised, it's fair game. You get to choose. While you're there, jot down some observations below, and take at least ten pictures. We encourage you to use a real camera but you may use a phone if one is not available to you. Choose one of these pictures and have it physically developed (or printed). You'll need to bring this picture to school as part of this assignment.

What kind of homestead did you visit? \_\_\_\_\_

What animals made their home there, and how were they being taken care of?

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What green and growing things were being raised there?

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_