

Upper School of Logic & Rhetoric
Summer Reading Requirements 2018



The Upper School of Logic and Rhetoric expects students to read one “Common Book” and one “Choice Book” from the faculty list below.

USLR Common Book 2018: *The Prodigal God*, Tim Keller (ISBN: 978-1594484025)

This book will be read by ALL students in rising grades 7-12.

USLR Choice Books 2018: Please refer to the lists below for choices.

Please note that the choice books are divided into Rhetoric School Choice Books and Logic School Choice Books. Students must sign up at school for a book off of the appropriate list prior to leaving for summer recess.

Writing Assignment

Students are required to write a one-page reflection on each book – the Common book and the Choice book. The prompt is the same for both reflections:

Choose a quote (one or two sentences) that you feel is central to the theme of the book and share, in a one page reflection, how that quote illuminates the main ideas of the book.

This is not a book report and it does not have to follow the “classical arrangement” of written argument. Students will participate in a round table discussion on each book during the opening days of school next fall in Bible Class (Common Book) and in a special RS and LS Community meeting (Choice Books).

Questions regarding Summer Reading can be directed to Mr. David Church, Principal of the Upper School of Logic & Rhetoric. David.church@ccamail.org

Rhetoric School Choice Books (students select one title)

Name	Title / Author	ISBN#
Mrs. Bennett	<i>Amusing Ourselves to Death</i> , Neil Postman (non-fiction)	978-0143036531
Mrs. Bergstrom	<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i> Betty Smith (fiction)	978-0061120077
Mr. Church	<i>"Babette's Feast" and Other Stories</i> Isak Dinesen (Karen Blixen) (fiction)	978-0141393766
Mr. Hoover	<i>East of Eden</i> , John Steinbeck (fiction)	978-0140186390
Mr. Lawrenz	<i>Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ</i> , John Piper (non-fiction)	978-1581347180
Mr. McShane	<i>Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time</i> by Dava Sobel (non-fiction)	978-0007790166
Mr. Miller	<i>Twelfth Night</i> and <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> , by William Shakespeare (fiction)	Any unabridged edition.
Mrs. Roth	<i>The Boys in the Boat</i> , Daniel James Brown (non-fiction)	978-0143125471
Mr. Wegrzyn	<i>Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War</i> by Nathaniel Philbrick (non-fiction)	978-0143111979
Mr. Willis	<i>Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption</i> , by Bryan Stevenson (non-fiction)	978-0812984965

Logic School Choice Books (students select one title)

Name	Title / Author	ISBN#
Mrs. Church	<i>The Book of the Dun Cow</i> by Walter Wangerin (fiction)	978-00605 74604
Mrs. Hawkins Knell	<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> by Wilson Rawls (fiction)	978-04404 12670
Mr. MacDonald	<i>The Scarlet Pimpernel</i> By Baroness Orczy (fiction)	978-04864 21223
Mrs. Proffitt	<i>The Westing Game</i> By Ellen Raskin (fiction)	978-01424 01200
Mrs. Russell	<i>It Ain't So Awful, Falafel</i> By Firoozeh Dumas (fiction)	978-13287 40960