

# David Emanuel Academy High School

## Summer Reading 2021-2022

Students need to choose 1 book from the classics listed below **AND** 1 book from the biographies. Student will need to **WRITE AN ESSAY ON EACH** of their selections. See below for the expectations for the essays.

### ➤ **Classic Book Essay:**

After reading your selected classic book, write an essay in which you address these items:

- \*Setting/place and time
- \*Characters and descriptions
- \*Main conflicts of plot and how these were resolved
- \*Theme

### ➤ **Biography Book Essay:**

Use the following questions to guide your written response to your biography selection.

What did you learn from this book? What was your favorite take away? How did this book impact your life?

### ➤ **Essay Checklist: BOTH essays should follow these guidelines.**

- \*Essay length 200 or more words
- \*Correct Punctuation + Capitalization
- \*Correct word usage + vocabulary level (Remember, we write with a higher vocabulary level than we speak.)
- \*Correct spelling!
- \* Sentence structure (no incomplete sentences/fragments)

## BOOK CHOICES

### Classic Novel Choices

#### Seniors and Juniors:

- Frankenstein or The Modern Prometheus - by Mary Shelley - This is the first novel considered to be a tale of horror. The author tells about the life of Dr. Victor Frankenstein, the main character.
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen - This is a romantic novel of manners written by Austen in 1813. The story follows the protagonist, Elizabeth Bennet, who learns about the repercussions of hasty judgements and comes to appreciate the difference between superficial goodness and actual goodness.
- 1984 by George Orwell - This is a dystopian novel written a few years after the end of World War II. A dystopian novel is about an imaginary society that is undesirable or frightening. The author created this story in 1948, so he was writing about a futuristic society.

#### Sophomores and Freshmen:

- A Wrinkle In Time by Madeleine L'Engle - The first book in L'Engle's TIME Quintet. This novel follows the Murry's and Calvin O'Keefe as they face conflicts of love, divinity, and goodness.
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott - Follow the March sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy and their lives in a quiet Massachusetts town during the time of the American Civil War.
- Lord of the Flies by William Golding - In this novel, British school boys are stranded on a tropical island as a result of a plane crash. The author delves into the truths about human nature.

## Biography Choices for ALL Students

- The Hero Code is Admiral McRaven's ringing tribute to the real, everyday heroes he's met over the years, from battlefields to hospitals to college campuses, who are doing their part to save the world. When Bill McRaven was a young boy growing up in Texas, he dreamed of being a superhero.
- I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai - The story of the school girl who stood up for education and was then shot by the Taliban.
- Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival of Louis Zamperini by Laura Hillenbrand - This is an account of an Olympic runner who served in the military and survived a plane crash only to become a prisoner of war.
- Florence Nightingale: A Life Inspired by Wyatt North and Lynn M. Hamilton - This biography tells of a woman who improved hospitals and saved many lives. She was courageous and unstoppable. Thinking of a nursing career? This book is for you!
- John Wooden: A Lifetime of Observations and Reflections On and Off the Court by John Wooden - An autobiography of a former UCLA basketball coach which shares good advice in words of wisdom, quotations, and good examples.
- Courage to Soar: A Body In Motion, A Life in Balance by Simone Biles - An autobiography from a four-time Olympic gold-winning and record-setting American gymnast written by Biles to share about her faith, family, passion and perseverance.
- Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original Girl Reporter: Nellie Bly by Deborah Noyes - This true story tells of how a truly dedicated journalist admitted herself to an asylum to write a groundbreaking expose'. Thinking of a career in journalism? You may want to read this book!
- Night by Elie Wiesel - An autobiography which tells of Elie's experience with his father in the Nazi German concentration camps at Auschwitz and Buchenwald in 1944-1945. Wiesel was a teenager during this difficult time of his life.
- Escape from Camp 14: One Man's Remarkable Odyssey from North Korea to Freedom in the West By Blaine Harden - Camp 14 is a labor camp in North Korea for political prisoners and descendants of alleged criminals. The official name is Kwan-li-so. This book is based on interviews of journalist Blaine Harden with Shin, the one who made the famous escape.
- First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong by James R. Hansen - This book is the official biography of Neil Armstrong, the astronaut who became the first man to walk on the Moon, on July 20, 1969. Interested in a career involving mysteries beyond Earth? This is a good read for you!!
- Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers by Deborah Heiligman - The reader doesn't have to be an art lover to enjoy the biography of these two brothers. They were very close and shared many challenges in life together. Many twists in the book's plot almost makes it read like a fiction tale; however, this is a true story which Heiligman was able to provide based on authentic letters.
- Amelia Lost - The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming - The author weaves the life story of Earhart and the mystery of her disappearance throughout the book to help the reader become more acquainted with the true-to-life person, Amelia Earhart. Written at an intermediate level, this book is definitely for teens and adults who may be daredevils, women in aviation or planning careers in aviation, or just fans of Amelia Earhart.