

Ardrey Kell High School

English II

Summer Enrichment Reading List

Listed below are selected titles from the *CMS Secondary Reading List* from which your English teacher recommends that you read two or more over the summer. The selections are provided for your enjoyment, academic advancement, and character development.

◆ *Anna Karenina*

by Leo Tolstoy

Anna Karenina tells of the doomed love affair between the sensuous and rebellious Anna and the dashing officer Count Vronsky. Tragedy unfolds as Anna rejects her passionless marriage to an aging government official and must endure the hypocrisies of society. Set against the backdrop of nineteenth-century Russia, the novel's seven major characters play out the contrasts of city and country life and all the variations on love and family happiness.

◆ *Around the World in Eighty Days*

by Jules Verne

Verne depicts the adventures of Phineas Fogg who, in 1872, wins a bet by traveling around the world in seventy-nine days, twenty-three hours, and fifty-seven minutes.

◆ *The Chosen*

by Chaim Potok

A baseball injury precipitates a friendship between two boys from Hasidic and Zionist families. This is a story about all families in all nations.

◆ *Death and the King's Horseman*

by Wole Soyinka

Set in Nigeria, this play focuses on the difference between Western and African cultures.

◆ *Don Quixote*

by Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra

This classic work recounts the adventures of Don Quixote, an eccentric Spanish country gentleman, and his companion, Sancho Panza, who set out as a knight and squire of old to right wrongs and punish evil.

◆ *An Enemy of the People*

by Henrik Ibsen

This play concerns the actions of Doctor Thomas Stockman, a medical officer charged with inspecting the public baths on which the prosperity of his native town depends. When he finds the water to be contaminated, he refuses to be silenced and is declared an enemy of the people.

- ◆ *Hunchback of Notre Dame*
by Victor Hugo

Quasimodo, a gentle and kind hunchback who lives an isolated life in a cathedral in Paris, rescues the beautiful Esmeralda from being hanged for a crime she did not commit.

- ◆ *Journey to the Center of the Earth*
by Jules Verne

Three men discover the secrets of past civilizations during a fantastic expedition beneath the earth's surface.

- ◆ *The Little Prince*
by Antoine de St. Exupéry

A pilot is forced down in the Sahara Desert where he encounters a little man from a small planet who describes his adventures in the universe seeking the secrets of the important things in life.

- ◆ *The Sound of Waves*
by Yukio Mishima

Set in a remote fishing village in Japan, *The Sound of Waves* is a timeless story of first love. A young fisherman is entranced at the sight of the beautiful daughter of the wealthiest man in the village. They fall in love but must then endure the calumny and gossip of the villagers.

- ◆ *Survival in Auschwitz*
by Primo Levi

In 1943, Primo Levi, a twenty-five-year-old chemist and "Italian citizen of Jewish race," was arrested by Italian fascists and deported from his native Turin to Auschwitz. *Survival in Auschwitz* is Levi's classic account of his ten months in the German death camp, a harrowing story of systematic cruelty and miraculous endurance. Remarkable for its simplicity, restraint, compassion, and even wit, *Survival in Auschwitz* remains a lasting testament to the indestructibility of the human spirit.

- ◆ *Walkabout*
by James Marshall

Two American youngsters from South Carolina find themselves the sole survivors of a plane crash in the Australian wilds where they meet an Aborigine, a "Bush Boy," who helps them survive.