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## CHRISTIAN BROTHERS A C A D E M Y

### **CBA Summer 2026 Reading Assignment & Lists**

Welcome to the CBA Summer Reading Program! Summer is the perfect time to sharpen your reading skills and maintain the momentum you gained in your language arts class this year. It's also one of the best ways to prepare for academic success for the upcoming 2026-27 school year. At CBA, we require students to read one assigned book at each grade level before they return to campus in September.

#### The Need to Read...and Write!

The required readings for Summer 2026 are listed below. Students are encouraged to purchase the assigned book. When you have your own book, you can mark it up with summary notes, highlight quotes, dog-ear pages to easily revisit memorable passages, pose questions, doodle in the margins, and record ideas that occur to you as you read. As author Ryan Holiday recommends, "Read with a pen in your hand!"

We also encourage students to maintain a summer reading notebook. Nothing fancy or elaborate. A small notebook, a numbered stack of index cards, or a few sheets of stapled, white-lined paper to record the important action and details. You may print the Reading Notebook page at the end of this document, if you wish.

The point is to record your ideas about the assigned book as you read. At each sitting. After each chapter. At the end of the week. *Read something, write something.* It's the best way to help ensure what you read will *stick*. Don't be shy about reading and re-reading. Even the most avid readers don't catch everything on the first pass. Read, and then read again...and then, read again. If you have any questions about the book selections or assignments, please email Dr. Andrade at [andrade@cbaalbany.org](mailto:andrade@cbaalbany.org).

#### Read a Book. Show What You Know

*All incoming and returning CBA students* will be required to complete an assessment (e.g., test) on the required reading during the first full week of school. The prospective date for the in-class assessment will be Monday, September 14. The date is subject to change depending on your ELA or AP course schedule. See your ELA teacher for details. Whether you are a returning CBA student or a brand new enrollee, be ready to answer some questions and write a few well-crafted paragraphs about the book assigned for your grade level. Results of the assessment will be recorded as the first grade in ELA for the Fall semester. Retakes or corrections will not be available for this assessment.

## Required Books for ELA Courses for Summer 2026

### (Incoming) 5th Grade

- Read ONE book (Student's Choice)

### (Incoming) 6th Grade

- Read ONE book (Student's Choice)

### (Incoming) 7th Grade

- *The 7th Most Important Thing* (Shelley Pearsall)
- [Guided Reading Questions \(optional\)](#)

### (Incoming) 8th Grade

- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* (Sherman Alexie)
- [Guided Reading Questions \(optional\)](#)

### (Incoming) 9th Grade

- *The Pearl* (John Steinbeck) -- [Text Link](#)

### (Incoming) 10th Grade

- *Fahrenheit 451* (Ray Bradbury) -- [Text Link](#)

### (Incoming) English III

- *Born a Crime* (Trevor Noah) -- [Text Link](#)
- [Guided Analysis \(Optional\)](#)

### (Incoming) English IV

- *Frankenstein* (Mary Shelley) -- [Text Link](#) (Core Classics edition)
- [Guided Analysis \(Optional\)](#)

### AP Literature

- *How To Read Literature Like A Professor [3rd Edition]* (Thomas C. Foster)
- [Instructions](#) -- [Amazon Link](#)

### AP Language

- *Thank You for Arguing (Forth Edition Revised and Updated): What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach Us.* (Jay Heinrichs)
- [Instructions](#) -- [Amazon Link](#)

