

**YGW Girls' Division
Summer Reading Assignments**

Ninth Grade

Read what interests you. Read two books from the list below and an additional book of your choice. Email Mrs. Cortell at ycortell@yeshiva.edu if you need help choosing titles that feel right for you.

Keep an academic reading journal - a journal recording what you read, with an added layer of academic analysis. It doesn't have to be fancy, but it should be durable and comfortable to write in. A composition book, a hardbound diary, or Moleskine-style journal will give you plenty of space in a durable format.

Write an entry for each book you read. Each entry should include:

- **A full bibliographic citation. MLA format required. (Author's last name, First name. *Book Title*. City: Publisher, Year Published.)**
- **A short (2-4 sentences) synopsis of the book, play, or short story.**
- **Quotations from your reading. Copy any quotations that you would otherwise highlight or underline — anything that touches you or that you think captures some essential point in the text. You don't have to do this as you read; if you prefer to highlight or underline as you go, just copy them down when you're done. Make sure to record the page numbers.**
- **A personal response to your reading. 200 or more words capturing your impressions of what you've read. The following questions may help you get started, but don't feel limited by them: What is this book about? What are the most memorable and most important pieces of the story? Is this book true in whole or in part? How does this work connect with other works you've read? What did it make you think, feel, wonder?**
- **Questions raised by the text. Challenge your reading material! Think of a set of questions the material leaves unanswered, or that undermine the conclusions reached. These questions might eventually form the basis of a project or larger critique.**

(Adapted from "Back to School: Keep an Academic Journal." Dustin Wax. lifehack.org. Accessed 30 January 2018)

You will continue to fill this journal this year and in the coming years of high school, entering a new entry every time you read a book from the recommended reading list. It will be fun (and pretty amazing) to look back on all that you read during high school, and helpful, too, because your record of each piece will aid you in future English classes.

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Plays and Novels

Watership Down, Richard Adams
Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
An Old Fashioned Girl, Louisa May Alcott
Emma, Jane Austen
Mansfield Park, Jane Austen
Dandelion Wine, Ray Bradbury
Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie, Bradley
Harvey, Mary Chase
And Then There Were None, Agatha Christie
Murder on the Orient Express, Agatha Christie
The Mousetrap, Agatha Christie
The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, Agatha Christie
The Ox Bow Incident, Walter Van Tilburg Clark
The Red Badge of Courage, Stephen Crane
A Tale of Two Cities, Charles Dickens
The Hound of the Baskervilles, Conan Doyle
The Count of Monte Cristo, Alexander Dumas
Silas Marner, George Eliot
The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman, Gaines
The Miracle Worker, William Gibson
The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway
The Turn of the Screw, Henry James
The Red Scarf Girl, Ji Li Jiang
Up The Down Staircase, Bel Kaufman
Rifles for Watie, Harold Keith
Arsenic and Old Lace, Joseph Kesserling
A Separate Peace, John Knowles
Call of the Wild, Jack London
The Giver, Lois Lowry
Life of Pi, Yann Martel
A Night Divided, Jennifer Nielsen
The Scarlett Pimpernel, Baroness Emmuska Orczy
The Westing Game, Ellen Raskin
The Winslow Boy, Terence Rattigan
The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,
Stevenson
The Hobbit, Tolkien

The Fellowship of the Ring, Tolkien
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain
The Prince and the Pauper, Mark Twain
Homecoming, Cynthia Voigt
Dacey's Song, Cynthia Voigt
A Solitary Blue, Cynthia Voigt

Non-Fiction

Dibs in Search of Self, Virginia Axline
Having Our Say: the Delany Sister's First 100 Years,
Sarah and Elizabeth Delany
The Diary of Anne Frank, Anne Frank
Unbroken, Young Adult Version, Laura Hillenbrand
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, Kamkwamba
All But My Life, Gerda Weisman Klein
Warriors Don't Cry, Melba Patillo
The Bamboo Cradle, Avraham Schwartzbaum
Hidden Figures, Young Adult Version, Shetterly
Chasing Lincoln's Killer, Swanson
The Zimmerman Telegram, Barbara Tuchman
Up From Slavery, Booker T. Washington

Jewish History

Carry Me in Your Heart, Pearl Benisch
To Vanquish the Dragon, Pearl Benisch
As Long as I Live, Aharon Margalit and Ruth Lewis
Unbroken Spirit, Yosef Mendelevich
A Tzaddik in Our Times, Simcha Raz
Lieutenant Birnbaum, Birnbaum and Rosenblum
They Called Him Mike, Yonasan Rosenblum
Daughter's of Destiny, Devorah Rubin
All for the Boss, Ruchama Shain
And Rachel was his Wife, Tabak and Sobel
To Remain a Jew, Rabbi Yitzchak Wilber

“In the case of good books, the point is not to see how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you.” — Mortimer J. Adler