

Dear BACS Secondary Parents and Students,

The English Department and Administration of Bay Area Christian School have selected a summer reading book for students in grades 7-12. The chart after this letter shows a list of all the chosen books for each grade level.

Each student who is enrolling in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2023-2024 school year is assigned a book to read during the summer. These books were chosen because of the positive impact we believe they will have on the lives of our students and their education. We encourage you to ask questions about the book and discuss it with your student and keep him or her motivated to complete the reading before the school year begins.

This summer reading assignment will be the basis for the first unit covered in each English course, and each grade will have assessments on the content. Assessments will consist of three grades: one test grade (either an actual test, project, or essay) and two quiz grades. Please be aware that there is an expectation of an assessment the first or second day of school, and it is important to be ready. This is particularly significant for students who do not read often. Therefore, in order to participate in meaningful discussion and instruction, it is necessary for your student to have completed the summer reading assignment.

This assignment is part of Bay Area Christian's quality education by encouraging students to love reading and develop reading comprehension and fluency. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Kindest Regards,

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**BACS Secondary Summer Reading List 2023-2024**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>THEME</b>	<b>SUMMER READING BOOK</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	The value of the freedom of choice	<i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry
8 <sup>th</sup>	Struggle between good and evil	<i>The Pearl</i> by John Steinbeck
9 <sup>th</sup>	Moral nature of human beings	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee
10 <sup>th</sup>	Danger of silence/importance of remembering	<i>Night</i> by Elie Wiesel
11 <sup>th</sup>	Disintegration of the American dream	<i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald
12 <sup>th</sup>	Spiritual warfare and the dynamics of temptation	<i>The Screwtape Letters</i> by C.S. Lewis
12 <sup>th</sup> AP English	Themes of juxtaposition through order and chaos	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> by William Shakespeare