

Homeschool High School Reading Lists

Why do we have our high schoolers read? It certainly is not for the same reasons we had our elementary students reading. I'm reminded of a passage from Christopher Paolini's book "Eldest" in which Eragon is being trained as a Dragon Rider and is asked to read many scrolls. He discovers a love for reading these finding that they challenge his beliefs and perceptions of the world while widening his perspective. This is, in my opinion, why teenagers need to read. Many of the classics will help them to think about things in new and different ways. Reading helps them to understand why they believe the way they do and prepares them to become thinking adults.

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
<u>Alabama Moon</u> by Watt Key	<u>Wuthering Heights</u> by Emily Bronte	<u>Gulliver's Travels</u> by Jonathan Swift	<u>Hamlet</u> by William Shakespeare
<u>To Kill a Mockingbird</u> by Harper Lee	<u>The Last of the Mohicans</u> by James Fenimore Cooper	<u>Heart of Darkness</u> by Joseph Conrad	<u>The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</u> by Robert Louis Stevenson
<u>The Education of Little Tree</u> by Forrest Carter	<u>Uncle Tom's Cabin</u> by Harriet Beecher Stowe	<u>The Great Gatsby</u> by F. Scott Fitzgerald	<u>The Catcher in the Rye</u> by J. D. Salinger
<u>Jane Eyre</u> by Charlotte Bronte	<u>Inheritance Cycle</u> by Christopher Paolini	<u>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</u> by Mark Twain	<u>Oedipus Rex</u> by Sophocles
<u>Holding the Future Hostage</u> by Tialla Rising	<u>Julius Caesar</u> by William Shakespeare	<u>The Pilgrim's Progress</u> by John Bunyan	<u>Cyrano de Bergerac</u> by Edmond Rostand
<u>Revenge Child</u> by Cindy Wooldridge	<u>The Killer Angels</u> by Michael Shaara	<u>The Three Musketeers</u> by Alexandre Dumas	<u>Romeo and Juliet</u> by William Shakespeare
<u>The Odyssey</u> by Homer	<u>The Scarlet Letter</u> by Nathaniel Hawthorne	<u>Moby Dick</u> by Herman Melville	<u>Crime and Punishment</u> by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
<u>The Grapes of Wrath</u> by John Steinbeck	<u>Fahrenheit 451</u> by Ray Bradbury	<u>Les Miserables</u> by Victor Hugo	<u>Here I Stand</u> <u>A Life of Martin Luther</u> by Roland H. Bainton
<u>The Tragedy of Macbeth</u>	<u>Pride and Prejudice</u>	<u>The Constitution of the</u>	<u>The Necklace</u>

by William Shakespeare	by Jane Austen	United States	by Guy de Maupassant
Lord of the Flies by William Golding	The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams	Common Sense by Thomas Paine	Everyman by Anonymous
The Yearling by Marjorie Rawlings	Gone With The Wind by Margaret Mitchell	Emma by Jane Austen	Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou	The Lord of The Rings Trilogy by J. R. R. Tolkien	David Copperfield by Charles Dickens	The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer
Great Tales and Poems by Edgar Allen Poe	The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis	For Whom The Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway	The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Samuel Taylor Coleridge
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak	Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy	War & Peace by Leo Tolstoy	Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens	1984 by George Orwell	Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes	Self-Reliance and other Essays Ralph Waldo Emerson

In truth, it doesn't matter much the grade in which your student reads these books. You can pick and choose when and what to have your students read. There are obviously many more books you could add to this list. However, this is a great starting point.

You might try reading these books along with your teen and then discussing them. It can also be a great idea to correlate the book your student is reading with what they are studying in other subjects. For instance, if your student is learning about the Civil War, you could have them read "Uncle Tom's Cabin" simultaneously. Also keep in mind that many of these books can be found for free online as audio books or e-books.