**![MP900446602[1]]()Mrs. Castanon’s Summer Reading Suggestions for H.S.A.**

Research shows, one of the best ways to improve your vocabulary and writing are to read (and to read a lot!!). Many novels on this list fall under the category of what is considered a “classic;” a commentary of a historic period in time, expresses an artistic quality, integrates themes that make connections and appeals to a wide range of readers from diverse backgrounds, and is a piece of work that transcends time. Many of these novels have been made into major motion pictures, although some better than others. Many of you have stated that your goal is to go to college (whether that be a 2 or 4 year school), **YOU WILL READ A LOT IN COLLEGE!**

![MC900019306[1]]()[***100 Characters from Classical Mythology: Discover the Fascinating Stories of the Greek and Roman Deities***](http://www.amazon.com/100-Characters-Classical-Mythology-Fascinating/dp/0764160060/ref%3Dsr_1_4?ie=UTF8&qid=1370019892&sr=8-4&keywords=greek+mythology) by [Malcolm Day](http://www.amazon.com/Malcolm-Day/e/B001HPDCRK/ref%3Dsr_ntt_srch_lnk_4?qid=1370019892&sr=8-4)

***Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*** by Lewis Carroll

[***Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/37732.Are_You_There_God_It_s_Me_Margaret) by [Judy Blume](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/12942.Judy_Blume)

***Belle Prater’s Boy*** by Ruth White [***Beyond the Burning Time***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/577027.Beyond_The_Burning_Time) by [Kathryn Lasky](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/4735.Kathryn_Lasky)

[***Black Beauty***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2985257-black-beauty) by [Anna Sewell](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/2530.Anna_Sewell)

***The Black Pearl*** by Scott O’Dell

[***Bridge to Terabithia***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/830570.Bridge_to_Terabithia) by [Katherine Paterson](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/1949.Katherine_Paterson)

[***Book of a Thousand Days***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/248484.Book_of_a_Thousand_Days) by [Shannon Hale](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/49177.Shannon_Hale)

[***The Book Thief***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/19063.The_Book_Thief) by [Markus Zusak](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/11466.Markus_Zusak)

***Bud, Not Buddy*** by Christopher Paul Curtis

[***Captains Courageous***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/34057.Captains_Courageous) by [Rudyard Kipling](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/6989.Rudyard_Kipling)

[Chronicles of Narnia Series (](http://www.amazon.com/Chronicles-Narnia-Box-Set-Lewis/dp/0061992887/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1370029172&sr=8-1&keywords=narnia+series)**The Chronicles of Narnia—The Magician's Nephew; The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe; The Horse and His Boy; Prince Caspian; The Voyage of the Dawn Treader; The Silver Chair; and The Last Battle**) by [C. S. Lewis](http://www.amazon.com/C.-S.-Lewis/e/B000APXBPG/ref%3Dsr_ntt_srch_lnk_1?qid=1370029171&sr=8-1)

***Complete Persepolis*** by Marjane Sartrapi

[***The Classic Treasury of Aesop's Fables***](http://www.amazon.com/The-Classic-Treasury-Aesops-Fables/dp/0762428767/ref%3Dsr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1370020310&sr=8-3&keywords=aesops+fables)by Don Daily

***The Cricket in Times Square*** by George Selden

***The Dark-Thirty*** by Patricia C. Mckissack

[***D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths***](http://www.amazon.com/DAulaires-Greek-Myths-Ingri-dAulaire/dp/0440406943/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1370019892&sr=8-1&keywords=greek+mythology)by Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

***Deadline*** by Chris Crutcher[***The Devil's Arithmetic***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/906391.The_Devil_s_Arithmetic) by [Jane Yolen](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/5989.Jane_Yolen)

***The Door in the Wall*** by Marguerite de Angeli

[***Double Identity***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/155370.Double_Identity) by [Margaret Peterson Haddix](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/14617.Margaret_Peterson_Haddix)

[***The Earth Dragon Awakes: The San Francisco Earthquake of 1906***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/136233.The_Earth_Dragon_Awakes) by [Laurence Yep](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/14199.Laurence_Yep)

***The Egypt Game*** by Zilpha Keatly Snyder

### [*Fever 1793*](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/781110.Fever_1793) by [Laurie Halse Anderson](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/10003.Laurie_Halse_Anderson)

### *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck

### [*The Giver*](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/3636.The_Giver) by [Lois Lowry](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/2493.Lois_Lowry)

### Harry Potter Series ([*Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*](http://www.amazon.com/Harry-Potter-Philosophers-Stone-ebook/dp/B00728DYRO/ref%3Dsr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1370031106&sr=1-2&keywords=harry+potter+series)*;* [*Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*](http://www.amazon.com/Harry-Potter-Chamber-Secrets-ebook/dp/B00728DYG0/ref%3Dsr_1_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1370031106&sr=1-3&keywords=harry+potter+series)*;* [*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*](http://www.amazon.com/Harry-Potter-Prisoner-Azkaban-ebook/dp/B00728DYP6/ref%3Dsr_1_6?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1370031106&sr=1-6&keywords=harry+potter+series)*;* [*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*](http://www.amazon.com/Harry-Potter-Goblet-Fire-ebook/dp/B00728DYCO/ref%3Dsr_1_5?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1370031106&sr=1-5&keywords=harry+potter+series)*;* [*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*](http://www.amazon.com/Harry-Potter-Order-Phoenix-ebook/dp/B00728DYHE/ref%3Dsr_1_9?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1370031106&sr=1-9&keywords=harry+potter+series)*;* [*Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*](http://www.amazon.com/Harry-Potter-Half-Blood-Prince-ebook/dp/B00728DYEM/ref%3Dsr_1_8?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1370031106&sr=1-8&keywords=harry+potter+series)*;* [*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*](http://www.amazon.com/Harry-Potter-Deathly-Hallows-ebook/dp/B00728DY9W/ref%3Dsr_1_7?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1370031106&sr=1-7&keywords=harry+potter+series)) by J.K. Rowling

### *Hatchet* by [Gary Paulsen](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/18.Gary_Paulsen)

### *The Headress Cupid* by Zilpha Keatly Snyder

[***Heart of a Champion***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/322132.Heart_of_a_Champion) by [Carl Deuker](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/64925.Carl_Deuker)

***Holes*** by Louis Sachar

***Hoot*** by Carl Hiaasen

[***The Indian in the Cupboard***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/838875.The_Indian_in_the_Cupboard) by [Lynne Reid Banks](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/72237.Lynne_Reid_Banks)

***Island of the Blue Dolphins*** by Scott O’Dell

[***Jacob Have I Loved***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/337058.Jacob_Have_I_Loved) by [Katherine Paterson](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/1949.Katherine_Paterson)

***Johnny Tremain*** by Esther Forbes

***The Joy Luck Club*** by Amy Tan

***Life of Pi*** by Yann Martel

***Like Jake and Me*** by Mauis Jukes

***Lily’s Crossing*** by Patricia Reilly Giff

***Lizzie Bright and the Buckminister Boy*** by D. Schmidt

[***Maus: A Survivor's Tale, Parts I & II*** (2 Volumes)](http://www.amazon.com/Maus-Survivors-Tale-Parts-Volumes/dp/B000VYE0I8/ref%3Dsr_1_6?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1370020403&sr=1-6&keywords=maus) by Art Spiegelman

[***The Midwife's Apprentice***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1211948.The_Midwife_s_Apprentice) by [Karen Cushman](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/9640.Karen_Cushman)

[***Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/9822.Mrs_Frisby_and_the_Rats_of_NIMH) by [Robert C. O'Brien](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/6412.Robert_C_O_Brien)

***My Sister’s Keeper*** by Jodi Piccoult

***My Father’s Dragon*** by Ruth Stiles Gannet

***Number the Stars*** by Lois Lawry

***On My Honor*** by Marion Dane Bauer

***One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*** by Ken Kesey

***Pictures of Hollis Woods*** by Patricia Reilly Giff

***Poisonwood Bible*** by Barbra Kingsolver

***The Red Necklace*** by [Sally Gardner](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/145946.Sally_Gardner)

### [*Redwall Series* (Books 1-20](http://www.amazon.com/Redwall----Books-1-20-Set/dp/B000UAB7KM/ref%3Dsr_1_5?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1370020655&sr=1-5&keywords=Redwall+Series+by+Brian+Jacques)) by Brian Jacques

Percy Jackson and the Olympians Set (**The Lightning Thief; The Sea of Monsters; The Titan's Curse; The Battle of the Labyrinth; and The Last Olympians**) by Rick Riordan

***Shabanu*** by Suzanne Fisher Staples

[***The Secret Garden***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2998.The_Secret_Garden) by [Frances Hodgson Burnett](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/2041.Frances_Hodgson_Burnett)

***Shane*** by Jack Schaefer

***Shiva’s Fire*** by Suzanne Fisher Staples

***The Sign of the Beaver*** by Elizabeth George Speare

![MC900237319[1]]()***The Stranger*** by Albert Camus

***Sing Down the Moon*** by Scott O’Dell

***A Single Shard*** by Linda Sue Park

***The Slave Dancer*** by Paula Fox

[***Speak***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/439288.Speak)by [Laurie Halse Anderson](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/10003.Laurie_Halse_Anderson)

[***Sounder***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2190878.Sounder) by [William H. Armstrong](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/117775.William_H_Armstrong)

***Stuck in Neutral***by Terry Trueman

***Thimble Summer*** by Elizabeth Enright

[***Tiger Eyes***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/143555.Tiger_Eyes) by [Judy Blume](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/12942.Judy_Blume)

***Through the Looking Glass*** by Lewis Carroll

***Touching the Spirit Bear*** by Ben Mikaelson

[***Treasure Island***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/295.Treasure_Island) by [Robert Louis Stevenson](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/854076.Robert_Louis_Stevenson)

[***The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/310146.The_True_Confessions_of_Charlotte_Doyle) by [Avi](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/10105.Avi)

[***Tuck Everlasting***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/960405.Tuck_Everlasting) by [Natalie Babbitt](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/1954.Natalie_Babbitt)

The Tudor Series (***The Constant Princess; The Other Boleyn Girl; The Boleyn Inheritance; The Queen's Fool; The Virgin's Lover; The Other Queen*)** by Philippa Gregory

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[***The Kingmaker's Daughter****)* by Philippa Gregory](http://www.amazon.com/The-Kingmakers-Daughter-Cousins-War/dp/1451626088/ref%3Dwp_bs_4_war_of_the_roses_paperback)

***The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963*** by Christopher Paul Curtis

[***Where the Red Fern Grows***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/10365.Where_the_Red_Fern_Grows) by[Wilson Rawls](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/6810.Wilson_Rawls)

***The Witch of Blackbird Pond*** by Elizabeth George Speare

***The Witches of Warm*** by Zilpha Keatly Snyder

***A Wrinkle in Time*** by Madeleine L’Engle

[***Zen and the Art of Faking It***](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/728654.Zen_and_the_Art_of_Faking_It) by [Jordan Sonnenblick](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/183005.Jordan_Sonnenblick)

