

For your summer reading, you will read a modern odyssey novel. There are many novels that follow this pattern. For your summer reading choose a book from the list below. If you would like to read a book that is not on the list, **YOU** must receive approval via email from **ME!** Complete the summer reading assignment. It will be due the **FIRST** day of class.

Summer Reading Booklist

Avi. Crispin: At the Edge of the World. 234 p.

Branded as traitors by the king's authorities, Crispin and his guardian, Bear, flee to coastal towns in fourteenth-century England, where they perform a musical juggling act and bond as a family after befriending a disfigured girl.

Baum, Frank L. The Wizard of Oz. 396 p.

The familiar story of Dorothy, a girl who is transported by a cyclone to the magical Land of Oz where she meets a scarecrow, a tin man, and a cowardly lion, and does battle with a wicked witch.

Bradley, Marion Zimmer. The Mists of Avalon. 876 p.

A re-creation of the Arthurian legend following the clash between Christianity and paganism that led to the demise of Camelot.

Bray, Libba. Going Bovine. 480 p.

Cameron Smith, a disaffected sixteen-year-old diagnosed with mad cow disease, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed, video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital in an attempt to find a cure.

Bray, Libba. A Great and Terrible Beauty. 403 p.

After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.

*Card, Orson Scott. **Ender's Game.** 226 p.*

Young Ender Wiggin may prove to be the military genius Earth needs to fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race that will determine the future of the human race.

*Carrol, Lewis. **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.** 196 p.*

Young Alice discovers a world of nonsensical and amusing characters when she falls down a rabbit hole.

*Cashore, Kristen. **Graceling.** 471 p.*

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace of killing and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

*Cashore, Kristen. **Fire.** 461 p.*

In a kingdom called the Dells, Fire is the last human-shaped monster, with unimaginable beauty and the ability to control the minds of those around her, but even with these gifts, she cannot escape the strife that overcomes her world.

*Cooper, Susan. **Victory.** 196 p.*

Molly, upset by her family's move from London to the U.S., is strangely drawn to an old book about the life of Admiral Lord Nelson, and soon finds her life intertwined with that of Sam, a boy her age who served with Nelson aboard the HMS "Victory" a century earlier.

*William Goldman. **The Princess Bride.** 414 p.*

Westley, a farm boy, goes off to seek his fortune shortly after declaring his love for Buttercup, the most beautiful woman in the world, but their relationship is put to the test when his ship is captured by pirates and she is summoned to become the bride of the prince.

*Lackey, Mercedes and James Mallory. **The Outstretched Shadow.** 604 p.*

Kellen Tavaddon, trained in the High Magick with which the benevolent Council of Mages controls, the city is banished after finding three forbidden books on Wild Magic, a used book stall, and is introduced to the world he never dreamed existed.

Le Guin, Ursula. Lavinia. 279 p.

Lavinia, daughter of King Latinus and Queen Amata, gets caught in the middle of her parent's conflicting wishes that she marry either Turnus, king of Rutuli, or Trojan stranger Aeneas, which follows an omen that dictates she will cause a war, and that her husband will die young.

L'Engle, Madeleine. A Wrinkle in Time. 203 p.

Meg Murry, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin embark on a journey through space and time, assisted by three otherworldly women, when they set out to find Meg's father, a physicist who disappeared while experimenting with time travel.

Lewis, C.S. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. 172 p.

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

McKinley, Robin. Chalice. 263 p.

A beekeeper by trade, Mirasol's life changes completely when she is named the new Chalice, the most important advisor to the new Master, a former priest of fire.

McKinley, Robin. Beauty. 247 p.

Kind Beauty grows to love the Beast at whose castle she is compelled to stay and through her love releases him from the spell which had turned him from a handsome prince into an ugly beast.

McKinley, Robin. The Blue Sword. 248 p.

Harry, bored with her sheltered life in the remote orange-growing colony of Daria, discovers magic in herself when she is kidnapped by a native king with mysterious powers.

Paolini, Chris. Eragon. 509 p.

In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds the mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

Pierce, Tamora. Terrier. 582 p.

When sixteen-year-old Beka becomes "Puppy" to a pair of "Dogs," as the Provost's Guards are called, she uses her police training, natural abilities, and a touch of magic to help them solve the case of a murdered baby in Tortall's Lower City.

Riordan, Rick. The Lightning Thief. 377 p.

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

Rowling, J.K. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. 309 p.

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Tolkien, J.R.R. The Hobbit. 255 p.

Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit, becomes a thief for a band of dwarves and soon finds himself in the midst of a war with the evil goblins and wargs, and forced to make a decision between the call of duty and the pull of the simple life.

Weir, Andy. The Martian. 365 p.

The story follows an American astronaut, Mark Watney, as he becomes stranded alone on Mars in the year 2035 and must improvise in order to survive.

Yolen, Jane. Sister Light, Sister Dark. 256 p.

Raised on a mountainside, Jenna learned the arts of the warrior, and from the mountain women the magic of the ancient lore. But the greatest magic of all was her ability to call forth her dark sister from the depths of the mirror of the land of light and shadow.