

## **Tallulah Academy High School Required Reading Policy (Revised April 2017)**

Reading is the cornerstone of all learning and is critical for college and career readiness. The ability to read and understand written and digital text is of the highest importance in all subject areas. Reading not only includes foundational skills such as fluency, phonics, phonetic awareness, vocabulary, and comprehension but also the strategies for applying these skills to make meaning from text and transfer knowledge across the school day and beyond.

The Tallulah Academy Advisory Board supports reading achievement for all learners. The Board believes the reading program will help each student improve vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills that will make all studies more beneficial to academic achievement. The purpose behind this is to broaden students' horizons, prepare our students for college level reading, and ensure that students reading skills continue to develop.

Every study done on raising PSAT, SAT, and ACT scores indicated that students who are well-read score better than those students who do not read or read non-challenging materials.

The books are chosen for each grade level by the grade level teachers who match the reading competency of students with the competency demanded by the books.

Parents are encouraged to help their child make a selection by previewing the titles for difficulty of the text, subject matter, and content of the book.

It has been determined that choice is a powerful motivator for students, and we hope that everyone enjoys making the selections as well as reading and discussing the books.

### **REQUIRED READING:**

Students are required to read two (2) books during the summer and two (2) books during the regular school term. The 3<sup>rd</sup> AR book is due Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. The 4<sup>th</sup> book is due May 1<sup>st</sup>. (If one of these dates falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the test will be due the **previous** Friday.)

Additionally, each student in grades 7-12 will also be required to get a **minimum number** of AR points **each** nine weeks with **no** rollover points from one nine weeks to the next. The minimum required AR points for each grade are as follows:

7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 16 points  
9<sup>th</sup> grade – 17 points  
10<sup>th</sup> grade – 18 points  
11<sup>th</sup> grade – 19 points  
12<sup>th</sup> grade - 20 points

## **REQUIRED READING (continued):**

Beginning with the summer prior to entering the seventh grade and ending with the summer prior to entering the twelfth grade, students are required to read and pass the AR tests on **FOUR** of the following TEN books:

### **REQUIRED READING LIST GRADES 7-12**

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#### **Four of the following books must be read by the summer preceding the student's senior year**

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain (unabridged): Huck Finn, the son of the town drunk, and Jim, an escaped slave, make a break for freedom down the vast Mississippi River on a raft. The plot contains profanity and racial slurs. **(Fiction: 18 AR points) AR QUIZ # 501**

*The Once and Future King* by T.H. White: This book tells the story of the youth and reign of King Arthur, the establishment of the Round Table, and the search for the Holy Grail. **(Fiction: 41 AR points—Beneficial to read prior to English IV) AR QUIZ # 7117**

*A Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank: A thirteen-year-old Dutch-Jewish girl records her impressions of the two years she and seven others spent hiding from the Nazis before they were discovered and taken to concentration camps. The text contains mild profanity. **(Nonfiction: 14 AR points) AR QUIZ # 530**

*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson (Unabridged): While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads to a pirate fortune and great danger. **(Fiction: 12 AR points) AR QUIZ # 522**

*The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway: In this beautiful, symbolic story an old fisherman catches a giant marlin, only to have sharks strip it to the bone. **(Fiction: 4 pts) AR QUIZ # 5994**

*Rebecca* by Daphne DuMaurier: The second Mrs. Maxim de Winter finds it difficult and frightening to live in the shadow of her predecessor, a situation that is exacerbated by her husband's moodiness, and the presence of sinister housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers. **(Fiction: 26 points) AR QUIZ # 543**

*The Yearling* by Marjorie Rawlings: A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet. The plot contains mild profanity and racial slurs. **(Fiction: 19 AR points) AR QUIZ # 725**

*The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi* by Neal Bascomb: This narrative nonfiction adaptation of HUNTING EICHMANN chronicles the capture of Adolf Eichmann, the head of operations for the Nazis' Final Solution. **(Nonfiction: 8 AR points) AR QUIZ # 160444**

*"The President Has Been Shot!" The Assassination of John F. Kennedy* by James Swanson: With archival photos, diagrams, source notes, and other documentation, this book provides an account of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and related events, including his funeral and the apprehension of his killer. **(Nonfiction: 6 AR points) AR QUIZ # 161817**

*The Pearl* by John Steinbeck: Kino, a poor Mexican pearl-diver, believes he has received the answer to his prayers when he finds a great pearl worth a fortune, but tragedy soon follows. **(Fiction: 4 points) AR QUIZ # 7119**

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AR tests will be administered during the summer according to a schedule made by the librarian. These books may also be read during the regular school year as part of the English class reading program.

### **Summer Reading Requirement**

According to our reading policy, all students entering grades 7-12 will be required to read 2 books from a given list over the summer. Each student will then be required to take an AR test on these 2 books during the designated testing days during the summer. A calendar is listed below with the exact testing days and times. These 2 AR grades will be counted as their first 2 grades in 7<sup>th</sup> grade Reading, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading, and English I, II, III, and IV. **If the AR tests are not taken before the first day of school, the student will earn a grade 0 out of 100 for each book.**

**\* Any extra books read over the summer to earn points or words must be recorded on a summer reading form, turned in, and approved by Mrs. Walker the first week of school. The titles that are approved must be tested on the first week of school. After the first week of school, no summer books(or books read prior to Fall 2017) may be tested on for the remainder of the school year.**

### **Summer 2017 AR Testing Dates**

Wednesday, June 7 – 9:00-11:00

Wednesday, June 21 - 9:00-11:00

Monday, July 10 – 9:00-12:00

Monday, July 24 – 9:00-12:00

Tuesday, August 1 – 9:00-12:00

Monday, August 7 – 9:00-12:00

## **7<sup>th</sup> and**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

<b><u>Book Title</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>	<b><u>AR Points</u></b>	<b><u>Quiz #</u></b>
<i>Animal Farm</i>	Orwell	5	727
<i>Call of the Wild</i>	Jack London	7	107
<i>White Fang</i>	Jack London	13	72204
<i>The Slave Dancer</i>	Paula Fox	6	82
<i>Harry Potter Books</i>	J.K. Rowling		
<i>Heaven is for Real</i>	Tod Burpo	6	143468
<i>Rascal</i>	Sterling North	7	73
<i>The Outsiders</i>	S. E. Hinton	7	381
<i>The Diary of Anne Frank (play)</i>	<i>Goodrich</i>	4	48123
<i>Killing Mr. Griffin</i>	Duncan	8	772
<i>Uglies</i>	Westerfield	13	86097
<i>Across Five Aprils</i>	Hunt	10	102
<i>The Westing Game</i>	Raskin	8	144
<i>If I Die in a Combat Zone</i>	O'Brien	8	56999
<i>The Chocolate War</i>	Cormier	8	5260
<i>The Pigman</i>	Zindal	6	780
<i>The Shack</i>	Young	13	136835
<i>Rules for Disappearing</i>	Ashley Elston	12	161754
<i>Rules for Breaking</i>	Ashley Elston	12	167834
<i>Bearstone</i>	Will Hobbs	6	5057
<i>*Kisses from Katie</i>	Katie Davis	13	159743
<i>*Killing Lincoln</i>	Bill O'Reilly	14	148635
<i>*Through My Eyes</i>	Tim Tebow	16	146186
<i>*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	Maya Angelou	13	8660
<i>*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</i>	Boyne	7	109203
<i>*Chinese Cinderella</i>	Yen Mah	8	31890
<i>*A Child Called It</i>	Pelzer	5	36564
<i>*The Lost Boy</i>	Pelzer	9	48148
<i>*I Am Malala</i>	Yousafzai	16	163041

\*Nonfiction Books

\*\*Must read and pass the AR tests on four out of ten titles before the first school day of your senior year.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Quiz**

<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>AR Points</b>	<b>AR</b>
<i>Ethan Frome</i> (unabridged)	Edith Wharton	6	10031
<i>Johnny Tremain</i>	<i>Ester Forbes</i>	13	47
<i>House of Seven Gables</i>	Nathaniel Hawthorne	22	12786
<i>My Sister's Keeper</i>	Jodi Picoult	18	85374
<i>Patriot Games</i>	Tom Clancy	31	11731
<i>The Prince and the Pauper</i> (abridged)	Mark Twain	13	54437
<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	Bradbury	7	736
<i>House Rules</i>	Picoult	27	138298
<i>The Shack</i>	Young	13	136835
<i>Perks of Being a Wallflower</i>	<i>Stephen Chbosky</i>	9	32374
<i>Daddy's Little Girl</i>	<i>Mary Higgins Clark</i>	13	63674
* <i>Black Hawk Down</i>	Mark Bowden NF	23	62805
* <i>Seal Team Six</i>	Wasdin, Templin NF	15	148305
* <i>The Cross and the Switchblade</i>	David Wilkerson	11	12779
* <i>The Lone Survivor</i>	Marcus Luttrell	21	155417
* <i>A Man Named Dave</i>	<i>Pelzer</i>	15	48133
* <i>Angelas's Ashes</i>	<i>McCourt</i>	23	19777
* <i>Hiroshima</i>	<i>Hersey</i>	9	10036
* <i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	<i>Angelou</i>	13	8660
* <i>Profiles in Courage</i>	<i>Kennedy</i>	13	16720
* <i>The Finest Hours: The true story of the U.S. Coast Guard's most daring sea rescue</i>	<i>Michael Tougias</i>	6	163696
* <i>The Hiding Place: The triumphant true story of Corrie Ten Boom</i>	<i>Corrie Ten Boom</i>	13	741
* <i>The Innocent Man</i>	<i>John Grisham</i>	20	111257

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English II: **10<sup>th</sup>** Grade

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The ten books denoted with asterisks are on each grade level list; this revised list was originally referred to as the “six” required reading. Beginning with the summer prior to entering the seventh grade and ending with the summer prior to entering the twelfth grade, students are required to read FOUR of the TEN books (denoted with an asterisk).

Each student in grades 7-12 will also be required to accumulate a MINIMUM number of AR points each nine weeks with no rollover points. Students enrolled in English II will be required to read 18 points for each grading period.

Since not all books are appropriate for all students or all families, we ask parents to be involved in their students’ book selections. We have done our best to indicate books that are more appropriate for one grade level than another, but parents should make the final decisions about what their children read.

<b>Book Title</b>	<b>AR PTS.</b>	<b>Quiz #</b>	<b>Author</b>
<i>Calico Joe</i>	7	151750	John Grisham
<i>A Farewell to Arms</i>	13	8656	Ernest Hemingway
<i>The Red Pony</i>	6	5284	John Steinbeck
<i>The Miracle Worker</i>	4	745	William Gibson
<i>1984</i>	17	5976	George Orwell
<i>Animal Farm</i>	5	727	George Orwell
<i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i>	34	12778	Alexander Dumas
<i>The Three Musketeers</i>	42	547	Alexander Dumas
<i>The Murder of King Tut</i>	8	143571	James Patterson
<i>Lord of the Flies</i>	9	744	William Golding
<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>	27	719	Charles Dickens
<i>Great Expectations</i>	35	707	Charles Dickens
<i>Unbroken</i>	24	144668	Laura Hillenbrand
<i>Seabiscuit</i>	21	68777	Laura Hillenbrand
<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	7	525	L. Frank Baum
<i>O Pioneers!</i>	9	8664	Willa Cather

<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	17	203	L.M. Montgomery
<i>The Greatest Generation</i>	19	31238	Tom Brokaw
<i>The Book Thief</i>	18	106101	
<i>Alice In Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass</i>	10	503	Lewis Carroll
<i>The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics</i>	27	167221	Daniel James Brown
** <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>	18	501	Mark Twain
** <i>The Once and Future King</i>	41	7117	T. H. White
** <i>A Diary of a Young Girl</i>	14	530	Anne Frank
** <i>Treasure Island</i>	12	522	Robert Louis Stevenson
** <i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>	4	5994	Ernest Hemingway
** <i>Rebecca</i>	26	543	Daphne Dumaourier
** <i>The Yearling</i>	19	725	Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
** <i>The Pearl</i>	4	7119	John Steinbeck
** <i>The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi</i>	8	160444	Neal Bascomb
** <i>"The President Has Been Shot!" The Assassination of John F. Kennedy</i>	6	161817	James Swanson

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### English III: **11<sup>th</sup>** Grade

#### American Literature

Students are required to read and test on two (2) books during the summer and two (2) books during the regular school term. The grade the student receives on the AR test will be entered into the gradebook during the appropriate grading period. The first and second AR tests may ONLY be taken on one of the six testing dates announced by the school; the grades are due by the last testing date and will be entered during the first nine weeks grading period. The third AR book is due on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> (tests may be taken from the first week of school until December 1). The fourth book is due on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> (test may be taken from January– May 1).

The ten books denoted with asterisks are on each grade level list; this revised list was originally referred to as the “six” required reading. Beginning with the summer prior to entering the seventh grade and ending with the summer prior to entering the twelfth grade, students are required to read FOUR of the TEN books (denoted with an asterisk).

Each student in grades 7-12 will also be required to accumulate a MINIMUM number of AR points each nine weeks with no rollover points. Students enrolled in English III will be required to read **19 points** for each grading period.

Since not all books are appropriate for all students or all families, we ask parents to be involved in their students’ book selections. We have done our best to indicate books that are more appropriate for one grade level than another, but parents should make the final decisions about what their children read.

Book Title	AR PTS	Quiz #	Author
<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	8	708	F. Scott Fitzgerald
<i>The Scarlet Letter</i>	14	716	Nathaniel Hawthorne
<i>The Sun Also Rises</i>	10	68837	Ernest Hemingway
<i>The Last of the Mohicans</i>	32	710	James Fenimore Cooper
<i>Gone with the Wind</i>	71	534	Margaret Mitchell
<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>	32	16725	Harriet Beecher Stowe
<i>Of Mice and Men</i>	4	8665	John Steinbeck
<i>Lonesome Dove</i>	58	16741	Larry McMurtry



<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>	8	715	Stephen Crane
<i>The Bleachers</i>	6	74752	John Grisham
<i>Slaughterhouse Five</i>	8	16724	Kurt Vonnegut
<i>All the Pretty Horses</i>	15	68567	Cormac McCarthy
<i>Breaking Night</i>	22	141096	Liz Murray
<i>For Whom the Bell Tolls</i>	28	12783	Ernest Hemingway
<i>Our Town</i>	3	5995	Thornton Wilder
<i>The Help</i>	23	135979	Kathryn Stockett
<i>George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring that</i>			
<i>Saved the American Revolution</i>			Brian Kilmeade
	12	164222	
** <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>	18	501	Mark Twain
** <i>The Once and Future King</i>	41	7117	T.H. White
** <i>A Diary of a Young Girl</i>	14	530	Anne Frank
** <i>Treasure Island</i>	12	522	Robert Louis Stevenson
** <i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>	4	5994	Ernest Hemingway
** <i>Rebecca</i>	26	543	Daphne DuMaurier
** <i>The Pearl</i>	4	7119	John Steinbeck
** <i>The Yearling</i>	19	725	Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
<i>**The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors</i>			
<i>Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi</i>			Neal Bascomb
	8	160444	
<i>**"The President Has Been Shot!" The Assassination of</i>			
<i>John F. Kennedy</i>	6	161817	James Swanson

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### English IV: **12<sup>th</sup>** Grade

Students are required to read and test on two (2) books during the summer and two (2) books during the regular school term. The grade the student receives on the AR test will be entered into the gradebook during the appropriate grading period. The first and second AR tests may ONLY be taken on one of the six testing dates announced by the school; the grades are due by the last testing date and will be entered during the first nine weeks grading period. The third AR book is due on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> (tests may be taken from the first week of school until December 1). The fourth book is due on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> (test may be taken from January – May 1).

The ten books denoted with asterisks are on each grade level list; this revised list was originally referred to as the “six” required reading. Beginning with the summer prior to entering the seventh grade and ending with the summer prior to entering the twelfth grade, students are required to read FOUR of the TEN books (denoted with an asterisk).

Each student in grades 7-12 will also be required to accumulate a MINIMUM of 15 AR points each nine weeks with no rollover points. Seniors enrolled in English IV will be required to read 16 points for each grading period. English IV dual enrollment students will be required to read 18 points for each grading period.

Since not all books are appropriate for all students or all families, we ask parents to be involved in their students’ book selections. We have done our best to indicate books that are more appropriate for one grade level than another, but parents should make the final decisions about what their children read.

<b>Book Title</b>	<b>AR Pts.</b>	<b>Quiz #</b>	<b>Author</b>
<i>Wuthering Heights</i>	23	724	Emily Bronte
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	27	714	Jane Austen
<i>Emma</i>	30	16711	Jane Austen
<i>Jane Eyre</i>	33	709	Charlotte Bronte
<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>	27	520	Daniel Defoe
<i>The Odyssey</i>	24	5993	Homer
<i>Frankenstein</i>	17	533	Mary Shelley
<i>Moby Dick</i>	42	711	Herman Melville
<i>Oliver Twist</i>	33	7116	Charles Dickens
<i>Night</i>	4	5279	Elie Weisel
<i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i>	5	35585	Mitch Albom
<i>Les Miserables</i>	105	12789	Victor Hugo

<i>Band of Brothers</i>	20	54429	Stephen Ambrose
<i>Dracula</i>	25	10029	Brom Stoker
<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>	9	8882	Agatha Christie
<i>Killing Patton</i>	18	170394	Bill O' Reilly
<i>Far from the Madding Crowd</i>	25	12782	Thomas Hardy
<i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i>	5	531	Robert Louis Stevenson
<i>The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</i>	18	109408	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
<i>Roots: The Saga of an American Family</i>	48	8671	Alex Haley
** <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>	18	501	Mark Twain
** <i>The Once and Future King</i>	41	7117	T.H. White
** <i>A Diary of a Young Girl</i>	14	530	Anne Frank
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