

## **Laurens Academy Summer Reading – Upper School**

All written assignments and tests will be due after Labor Day. The teacher will give a definite date when class meets. Class Discussions may begin before assignments are due.

### **Grades 6, 7, and 8**

Pick 2 books from the LA ARP List that are at grade level or one grade level below or above the grade you will be in this fall. The ARP list is available at school or you can email [www.tilculb@prtcnet.com](mailto:www.tilculb@prtcnet.com) and a copy will be emailed to you. The book does not have to come from the ARP list but should follow grade level rule.

Then answer the following questions about your book:

1. Title and Author
2. Setting (time and place)
3. Publisher, Place, Date
4. Write a PLOT SUMMARY (max. 100 words) that covers the beginning, middle and end of the book.
5. List the names of the MAIN CHARACTERS (no more than 4), and write a brief description of each.
6. Focus on ONE of the characters above. Write 3 quotes from this character that reveals something about the character's personality.
7. Parents should sign and verify that the student read the book and completed the assignment.

### **Grades 9**

Read *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Books are available in the office or you may get a copy at the library or bookstore.

1. Make a list of each character as they appear in the story. Identify each character and their role in the story.
2. Be prepared to discuss the plot and themes of the story in the first week of school.

### **Grade 10, 11 – American Literature**

1. Read *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane (unabridged 1895 version). You may purchase a book or read the book online at <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/CRANE/title.html>
3. Be prepared to discuss the themes and motifs of the story.
4. Be prepared to take a quiz on the book. The quiz questions will come straight from the following questions located online at
  1. [www.sparknotes.com/lit/redbadge/quiz.html](http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/redbadge/quiz.html)
  2. [www.cliffsnotes.com/WileyCDA/LitNote/The-Red-Badge-of-Courage-StudyHelp-Quiz.id-151.pageNum-86.html](http://www.cliffsnotes.com/WileyCDA/LitNote/The-Red-Badge-of-Courage-StudyHelp-Quiz.id-151.pageNum-86.html)