

Freshman Literature and Composition Honors

Welcome to Freshman Literature and Composition Honors, a course designed to develop your skills as a critical and analytical reader and writer. The following is a list of books read by some of the Freshman Honors teachers. The list was chosen based on their literary merit. We encourage you all to read at least one book in order to enrich your literary background and practice your reading skills. It is entirely up to you which book you choose because you will not be assessed over your summer reading. We may have an informal class discussion at the beginning of the school year about what you read over the summer.

Fiction

- *Once and Future King* by T.H. White (Fantasy)
- *Breakfast of Champions* by Kurt Vonnegut
- *Emma* by Jane Austen
- *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupery
- *Don Quixote* by Miguel De Cervantes
- *Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
- *Peace Like A River* by Leif Enger
- *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman
- *Watership Down* by Richard Adams
- *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas
- *Girl With A Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
- *Montana, 1948* by Larry Watson
- *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
- *Egg & Spoon* by Gregory Maguire

Nonfiction

- *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt
- *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls
- *1776* by David McCullough
- *Maus* by Art Spiegelman
- *The Color of Water* by James McBride
- *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara
- *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex* by Nathaniel Philbrick
- *Born To Run* by Christopher McDougall
- *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer
- *Unbroken* by Lauren Hillabrand

Have a great summer. We look forward to seeing you in August!