

# Savannah Classical Academy Summer Reading Requirements

## Rising Tenth Graders

1. Poem memorization. Memorize “Sonnet 18” by William Shakespeare. Be ready to recite by the first day of school.
2. Rising tenth graders will read TWO books in preparation for next year: One of these books will be a biography of one of the important historical figures listed below and one book they choose off of the list of novels below.

Look for biographies in the biography section of the library or bookstore. After reading the biography you choose, write a 2-3 page biography of the historical figure you read about. Your biography should be typed using 12-point Times New Roman font and double-spaced.

You are to write a 2-3 page book review of the novel you choose from the list. Your book review should be typed using 12-point Times New Roman font and double-spaced. As with the book reviews we have written previously, the first half of your review should be a summary of the book, including the names of the major characters and descriptions of important plot points. The second half should be your evaluation and interpretation of the book; this second half should present a well-reasoned argument for a clearly-stated thesis about the book.

Choose a biography about one of the historical figures listed below.

Constantine

St. Augustine

Charlemagne

Eleanor of Aquitaine

St. Thomas Aquinas

Niccolo Machiavelli

Leonardo Davinci

Martin Luther

John Locke

Thomas Jefferson

Choose one of these ten novels. There are copies of all of these books available at the Live Oaks Public Libraries and all of the local bookstores (E. Shaver, The Book Lady, and Barnes and Noble)

*The Power and the Glory* – Graham Greene

*Wuthering Heights* – Emily Bronte

*A Tale of Two Cities* – Charles Dickens

*Pride and Prejudice* – Jane Austen

*1984* – George Orwell

*Robinson Crusoe* – Daniel Defoe

*Middlemarch* – George Eliot

*To the Lighthouse* – Virginia Woolf

*Frankenstein* – Mary Shelley

*Jane Eyre* – Charlotte Bronte

“Sonnet 18” by William Shakespeare Shall

I compare thee to a summer's day?

Thou art more lovely and more temperate: Rough  
winds do shake the darling buds of May, And  
summer's lease hath all too short a date:

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,  
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;  
And every fair from fair sometime declines,  
By chance, or nature's changing course, untrimm'd;  
But thy eternal summer shall not fade  
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;  
Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade,  
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st;  
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,  
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.