

# VERITAS ACADEMY OF TUCSON

## School of Grammar Summer Reading

<b>Incoming 2nd Grade</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Choose one</b>	<b>Plus (for ambitious readers)</b>
	<i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i> (text and worksheets provided by Veritas)	<i>In Grandma's Attic</i>	Any picture book of 25 pages or more Any chapter book of at least 100 pages
		<i>Owls in the Family</i>	
		<i>The Boxcar Children</i>	
<i>Old Mother West Wind</i>			
<b>Incoming 3rd Grade</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Choose one</b>	<b>Plus (for ambitious readers)</b>
	<i>Misty of Chincoteague</i> (text and quizzes provided by Veritas)	<i>Stuart Little</i>	Any chapter book Any biography
		<i>The Silver Branch</i>	
		<i>The Dragon of Lonely Island</i>	
<i>Just-So Stories</i>			
<b>Incoming 4th Grade</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Choose One</b>	<b>Plus (for ambitious readers)</b>
	<i>Twenty-one Balloons</i> (text and quizzes provided by Veritas)	<i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i>	Any chapter book Any biography
		<i>The Captive Princess</i>	
		<i>The Door in the Wall</i>	
<b>Incoming 5th Grade</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Choose One</b>	<b>Plus (for ambitious readers)</b>
	<i>From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*</i> (text and quizzes provided by Veritas)	<i>Old Yeller</i>	Any chapter book Any biography
		<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	
		<i>Treasure Island</i>	
<i>Heidi</i>			
<b>Incoming 6th Grade</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Choose One</b>	<b>Plus (for ambitious readers)</b>
	<i>Leapike Ridge</i> (text and quizzes provided by Veritas)	<i>Little Women</i>	Any book from the College Bound Reading List
		<i>Kidnapped</i>	
<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>			

**Availability Notes:**

We will provide copies for the books in the required reading column. For the books where you choose we have some copies, but not enough for every student. You can borrow one and return it when you're finished. You'll want to get books before summer starts as we'll be closed for the first two weeks of summer. You can pick up books after that; just give the office advanced notice before you come. Or feel free to take advantage of your local library.

**Instructions:**

1. For the required books, there are comprehension quizzes available. Quizzes are available on Family Portal under Resource Documents.
2. **For LWS 200:**

Write three sentences about the book. Each sentence should tell about something the reader liked, didn't like, admired, or didn't understand.

**For LWS 300, 400, 500, and 600 :**

For the book from column two and each additional book, a one paragraph summary of five to eight sentences will be turned in on the first day of school.

# WESTERN CIVILIZATION SUMMER READING



Below are the books we'd like you to read over the summer. There are two lists: the first are books that everyone should read before Paideia. These books need to be journaled. Here's how to do that: 1. Get a nice journal (we want this to be a journal that lasts a lifetime as the hope would be that these journals are kept and used for a long time). I recommend this [Moleskine journal](#). The first half of the journal pages will be used to journal our primary books, and the second half will be for the secondary books. Check with your teacher if you aren't sure if the books are primary or secondary. **See the next page for some instructions on journalling.**

**Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade** (all are secondary and should be journaled in the second half of the journal; read them even if you've already read them before you will discover new things!)

The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe  
Prince Caspian  
The Voyage of the Dawn Treader  
The Silver Chair  
The Horse and His Boy  
The Magician's Nephew  
The Last Battle

**Incoming into 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** (If you haven't read recently or at all; they are all secondary)

The Hobbit  
The Fellowship of the Ring by Tolkien  
Robin Hood

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

Foxe's Book of Martyrs  
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen  
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

**Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Aesop's Fables  
Death on the Nile by Agatha Christie  
20,000 Leagues by Jules Verne

**Incoming 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court  
The Saga of the Volsungs  
The Consolation of Philosophy  
Leviticus

**Incoming 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Out of the Silent Planet, C. S. Lewis  
Perelandra, C. S. Lewis  
That Hideous Strength, C. S. Lewis

# VERITAS WESTERN CIV JOURNALS

At the top of the page write the title of the book you are reading, and below that you will write 'Chapter 1'. Journal chapter 1. It can be hard to boil it down to just a few sentences. There is no set number of sentences. We want you to include what is essential and leave out what isn't. I've put three examples below from *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. Example 3 would be a good journal entry for this book (the other two examples include too much info). Other books would require much more. We will work more on this once school starts. For now, do your best.

## Example 1

Siblings Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy have been sent away from London to the countryside because of the air-raids taking place in the city—it is the height of World War II. The siblings have been sent to live with a man known only as the Professor. He is very old, unmarried, and the children all like him because they believe he will let them do “anything [they] like.” As the children settle into their new home their first night, they bicker and argue with one another—Lucy, the youngest, worries that they will get in trouble for talking so loud, but Peter, the eldest, points out that the house is so large that no one can hear anything the four of them get up to. Peter urges his siblings to go to sleep, promising to lead an expedition to explore the grounds of their new home in the morning.

The next morning, though, it is raining. Edmund grumbles about the bad weather, but Susan urges him to cheer up; Peter offers to take Edmund and the others exploring inside of the massive house rather than outside. As the children peek into the spare rooms, they discover halls full of paintings, musical instruments, suits of armor, and very old books. One room has nothing inside of it but a large wardrobe. Peter, declaring there's nothing to see in the room, leads the others onward, but Lucy stays behind, curious about what is inside the wardrobe.

Lucy opens the door and finds several long fur coats hanging inside. She loves the smell and feel of fur, and so she steps up into the wardrobe to rub her face on the coats. She proceeds deeper into the wardrobe to the second row of coats. Expecting to feel the back of the wardrobe, she instead feels only empty space. She continues walking, and soon feels something crunching beneath her feet. She looks down, and finds she is walking through freshly fallen snow. Lucy soon feels that tree branches rather than coats are rubbing against her face, and eventually emerges into the middle of a snowy wood at nighttime.

Lucy is frightened, but excited, too. Behind her, she can see the open door of the wardrobe; knowing that she can always get back if anything should go wrong, she walks through the wood. After walking for a few minutes she comes upon a lamp-post. As she stops to look at it, she hears footsteps coming toward her. Soon, a Faun (later revealed as Mr. Tumnus) emerges from the trees, carrying an umbrella. He wears a scarf and holds presents in his arms, and Lucy thinks he looks as if he has just come back from doing his Christmas shopping. When the Faun catches sight of Lucy, he shouts in surprise, and is so startled that he drops all of his parcels into the snow.

## Example 2

Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy Pevensie are four siblings who have been sent to the country to escape the air raids of World War II. They stay with Professor Kirke, an eccentric but kind old man, who resides in a house filled with twists, turns, and surprises. On their first day in the country it rains, so the Pevensies decide to explore the house. As they explore, they discover a spare room that is completely empty except for a large wardrobe. Peter, Susan, and Edmund leave the room, but Lucy stays behind to look inside the wardrobe. Surprised when the wardrobe door opens, Lucy steps inside the enormous closet to find a snowy wood at the back of it. Intrigued, she explores the wood, knowing that the safe wardrobe is still behind her. Eventually she meets a faun, a creature that is half goat and half man. The faun is carrying an umbrella and several parcels. When it sees Lucy, it is so startled that it drops all of its packages.

## Example 3

Four children (Edmund, Susan, Lucy and Peter) got moved to a professor's house in the country to keep them safe from air raids during WWII. Due to the rain, the children decided to stay inside and explore the professor's large house. Lucy gets in a wardrobe and finds herself in a snowy wood where she chances upon a faun.