

# Wilmington Christian School

## Summer Reading for 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

*[Directions for annotated journals and for oral presentations are on separate handouts and on school website.]*

1. Read and prepare an annotated journal for the required book(s). The journal is due on the first day of school and will count as *two test grades*.
2. Read one book from the list of additional selections and prepare an oral presentation. Presentations will be given during 1st weeks of school and will count as a separate quiz grade.

12 Honors English required books:

***Things Fall Apart*** by Chinua Achebe  
***Heart of Darkness*** by Joseph Conrad

12 Level 2 English required books:

***Things Fall Apart*** by Chinua Achebe  
***The Giver*** by Lois Lowry

12 Level 1 English required book:

***Things Fall Apart*** by Chinua Achebe

Additional Selections (choose one)

**\**The Great Divorce*** by C.S. Lewis

***Our Town*** or ***The Bridge of San Luis Rey*** by Thornton Wilder

***The Count of Monte Cristo*** by Alexander Dumas

***My Name is Asher Lev*** by Chaim Potok

**\**End of the Spear*** by Steve Saint

***The Secret Life of Bees*** by Sue Monk Kidd

**+*The Things They Carried*** by Tim O'Brien

**\**Having Our Say*** by Sarah L. Delany, A. Elizabeth Delany, and Amy Hearsh

***Summer and Smoke*** by Tennessee Williams

**\**Through Gates of Splendor*** by Elisabeth Elliott

***The Last Battle*** by C.S. Lewis

\* Non-fiction

+ Caution: contains some strong language and graphic violence. A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and winner of many other fiction awards, *The Things They Carried* is never gratuitous in its use of imagery and words, though. As the book's jacket states, "[it] has become an unparalleled Vietnam testament, a classic work of American literature, and a profound study of men at war that illuminates the capacity, and the limits, of the human heart and soul."