



## Seventh Grade Summer Reading List

Please complete the reading requirements listed below the summer before 7<sup>th</sup> grade at The Classical Academy

### Required Reading- Book 1:

***Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry*, Mildred Taylor, 0140384510**

Cassie Logan comes to understand what her father means when he talks of the importance of their family land. After all, black landowners in 1933 Mississippi are far from common. The Logan's story is one of courage and a sure sense of worth and honor in a world of prejudice and its accompanying injustice.

### Required Reading- Book 2:

This option reflects TCA's core values, which asks students to "take ownership of and find joy in learning." We believe as a secondary student you are capable of finding challenging, meaningful reading material on your own. We want you to choose books with joyful anticipation that reflects your interests and your family's values. We encourage you, with the assistance of your parents, to seek out your own intriguing book as you continue to become an independent and life-long learner.

There is a list below to choose from if you would like some suggestions, but feel free to discuss options outside of this list with your family to find the perfect book that interests and challenges you on your own personal reading journey.

*Soldier Boys* by Dean Hughes (WW II)

*Night to Remember* by Walter Lord (Titanic)

*The Green Glass Sea* by Ellen Klages (Manhattan Project)

*Fire from the Rock* by Sharon Draper (Little Rock Nine)

*Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko (Alcatraz)

*For Freedom : The Story of a French Spy* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (WW II)

*The Eyes of the Emperor* by Graham Salisbury (WW II)

*New Boy* by Julian Houston (Civil Rights)

*Waiting for the Rain* by Sheila Gordon (Apartheid)

*My Brother, My Sister, and I* by Yoko Kawashima Watkins (post-WW II Japan)

**There will be follow up discussions and writing assignments on these two novels when you return to school in the fall.**

