

# LA+ - Required Summer Reading

After a few weeks of lying out in that hot sun, you may get bored! Your mind may be hungry for some intellectual stimulation! This is the perfect chance to develop your cultural literacy and devour a few of those classic novels. **Besides, LAP requires it!!**

Choose one novel from the list below to read. Your public library has been notified of this list to be sure that they are available for you to borrow. In addition, the local bookstores carry these titles. (If you think you will have trouble obtaining these books, please talk to your Language Arts Plus teacher before you leave for the summer.) Ask one of your parents to read the book along with you so you will have a reading partner. **PLEASE RETURN THE SLIP AT THE BOTTOM WITH YOUR PARENT'S SIGNATURE TO INDICATE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS REQUIREMENT.**

During the first week of school you will be asked a series of questions about the novel to be sure you have read it. We will be using these pieces of literature as the basis for discussion for some of the literary analysis during the first quarter. At the beginning of the second quarter you will be asked to write a comparative essay using the summer reading as part of your support.

The Call of the Wild (Jack London)

The Cat Ate My Gymsuit (Paula Danzinger)

Christie (Katherine Marshall)

Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court (Mark Twain)

Fantastic Voyage (Issac Assimov)

The Hobbit (J.R. Tolkien)

I Am the Cheese (Robert Comier)

Kidnapped (Robert Louis Stevenson)

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (C.S. Lewis)

Little Women (Louisa May Alcott)

Lord of the Rings Trilogy (can read one or all three!): Fellowship of the Rings; Two Towers;  
Return of the King (J.R. Tolkien)

The Old Man and the Sea (Ernest Hemingway)

The Red Pony (John Steinbeck)

Souder (William Armstrong)

The Time Machine (H.G. Wells)

Treasure Island (Robert Louis Stevenson)

Besides,

READING IS FUN!

**RETURN THIS SLIP TO Mrs. Burnham @ North Middle School by Thursday, May 27.  
5808 Oregon, Portage, MI 49024**

I understand the requirement of summer reading for my son/daughter in order to participate in the Language Arts PLUS program.

Name of son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_