

# BACS Secondary Summer Reading List – 2016-2017

GRADE	THEME	SUMMER READING BOOK
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	The value of the freedom of choice	<u>The Giver</u> by Lois Lowry  Summary: Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Struggle between good and evil	<u>The Pearl</u> by John Steinbeck  Summary: A poor fisherman dreams of wealth and happiness for his family when he finds a priceless pearl.
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Moral nature of human beings	<u>To Kill a Mockingbird</u> by Harper Lee  Summary: The explosion of racial hate and violence in a small Alabama town is viewed by a little girl whose father defends a black man accused of rape.
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Danger of silence/importance of remembering	<u>Night</u> by Elie Wiesel  Summary: The narrative of a boy who lived through Auschwitz and Buchenwald provides a short and terrible indictment of modern humanity.
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Disintegration of American dream	<u>The Great Gatsby</u> by F. Scott Fitzgerald  Summary: A young man newly rich tries to recapture the past and win back his former love, despite the fact that she has married.
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Spiritual warfare and the dynamics of temptation	<u>The Screwtape Letters</u> by C.S. Lewis  Summary: This profound and striking narrative takes the form of a series of letters from Screwtape, a devil high in the Infernal Civil Service, to his nephew Wormwood, a junior colleague engaged in his first mission on earth.