

VALLEY FORGE MILITARY ACADEMY
Wayne, Pennsylvania

MEMO TO: Parents and Cadets Entering Classes IV, III, II, or I (Grades 9 through 12 and Post Graduates)

SUBJECT: 2007 Summer Reading List

The following books are suggested reading for the summer of 2007. We encourage cadets to read while on vacation, both to enhance their education and improve scores on next year's standardized tests.

Fourth Class (entering 9th Grade)

All seven Harry Potter books

Third Class (entering 10th Grade)

Profiles in Courage ~ Kennedy

The Crucible ~ Miller

The Killer Angels ~ Shaara

MacBeth ~ Shakespeare

Second Class (entering 11th Grade)

1984 ~ Orwell

Beowulf ~ Raffel

Richard III ~ Shakespeare

First Class and Postgraduate (entering 12th Grade)

My Journey Back to Life ~ Armstrong

Timeline ~ Crichton

Lucky Jim ~ Amis

Informer ~ O'Flaherty

The Great Gatsby ~ Fitzgerald

Additional Summer Reading:

Citizen Soldiers ~ Ambrose

Into the Wild ~ Krakauer

The Seven Storey Mountain ~ Merton

On the Beach ~ Shute

Hiroshima ~ Hersey

Kon-Tiki ~ Heyerdahl

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes ~ Doyle

We Were Soldiers Once and Young ~ Moore/ Galloway

Fantastic Voyage ~ Asimov

Run Silent, Run Deep ~ Beach

Mutiny on the Bounty ~ Nordhoff

Goodbye to All That ~ Graves

The Right Stuff ~ Wolfe

Goodbye, Mr. Chips ~Hilton

Many of the books listed will be studied in class during the 2007-2008 school year.

Cadets are encouraged to write a two or three page book report on one of the works listed for their class, which they can submit for extra credit during the first week of classes. The report must contain at least a one and a half page plot summary and character sketches of the main characters, plus a paragraph explaining why the cadet liked or disliked the work.

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