

Agathos Classical School
Rhetoric School Summer Reading List

Rhetoric students (9th-12th) are required to read the following books over the summer and provide the following upon returning to class in the fall:

- 1) Complete the books specified by the list below. Read carefully and attempt to understand the themes/symbols/intent of the work. Be prepared to discuss the book in class.
- 2) For ONE of the books write a 1-2 page paper that includes a brief biography of the author, the purpose of the work, and how the work has been received and understood since its authorship. Use specific examples.

Reading List:

Rising 9th (Ancients)

- *1984*, George Orwell
- *The Invisible Man*, H.G. Wells

Rising 10th (Medieval)

- *Confessions*, St. Augustine
- *The Once and Future King*, T.H White

Rising 11th (Early Modern)

- *Ivanhoe*, Sir Walter Scott
- *Jane Eyre*, Charlotte Bronte

Rising 12th (Modern)

- *The Brothers Karamazov*, Fyodor Dostoevsky
- OR
- *Les Misérables*, Victor Hugo

**“He never went out without a book under his arm,
and he often came back with two.”**

– **Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables***