



# TRUE NORTH

## CLASSICAL ACADEMY

*Timeless Principles. Remarkable Achievement.*

### **Classics to Keep (7-12th Grade)**

SY: 2025-26

Dear Parents,

Books are at the core of a classical, liberal arts education. At True North, we have a literature-rich environment and have provided each classroom with a great library of books to read in class and at home. One of our goals is to ensure that our students become lifelong readers and develop a love of books. With that end in mind, we would like our students to develop a personal library of books they mark, keep, and return to during their time at True North, and which they will be able to treasure for years to come. We call these books “Classics to Keep.” Your child’s class will utilize these books during the school year. Parents and students are strongly encouraged to purchase these books for their own personal collections, so they can mark them and keep them, allowing students to build an impressive personal library of classics over the course of their academic career with True North. For families who do not purchase the texts, please let your teacher know, and we will ensure your student has access to a copy of these books as part of their curriculum. Students should not mark these books provided by True North, and will be asked to return them in good condition once their class has finished using them.

Below is a list of the “Classics to Keep” along with the specific ISBNs for each text, which will enable the class to easily refer to a page number or specific passage during discussions. It is very important that the specific ISBN version is purchased to allow for rich class discussion referencing correct page numbers. For your convenience, we have partnered with Amazon to make purchasing these novels fast and convenient for our families.

Warm regards,

Jeanine Finlay | Head of Schools

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The following is a snapshot of our 7-12th Grade “Classics to Keep.” After the table, you will find book cover photos along with the links for each grade level.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>ISBN</b>
<b>7th</b>	<i>Old Yeller</i> (Summer Reading)	Fred Gipson	978-0060935474
	<i>The Red Umbrella</i>	Christina Diaz Gonzalez	978-0375854897
	<i>The Miracle Worker</i>	William Gibson	978-1416590842
	<i>The Call of the Wild</i>	Jack London	978-1954839144
	<i>Anne Frank</i>	Anne Frank	978-0553296983
	<i>The Giver</i>	Lois Lowry	978-0544336261
	<i>Julius Caesar</i>	William Shakespeare	978-1580495875
	<i>The Last Battle</i>	C. S. Lewis	978-0064471084
<b>8th</b>	<i>The Pearl</i> (Summer Reading)	John Steinbeck	978-0140177374
	<i>Lord of the Flies</i>	William Golding	978-0399501487
	<i>The Chosen</i>	Chaim Potok	978-0449213445
	<i>Animal Farm</i>	George Orwell	9780451526342
	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee	978-0060935467
	<i>Beowulf</i>	Seamus Heaney	978-0393320978
<b>9th</b>	<i>The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens</i> (Summer Reading)	Sean Covey	978-1476764665
	<i>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>	Mark Twain	978-1586172961
	<i>Of Mice and Men</i>	John Steinbeck	978-0140186420
	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	F. Scott Fitzgerald	978-0743273565
	<i>Night</i>	Elie Wiesel	978-0374500016
	<i>Man’s Search for Meaning</i>	Viktor E. Frankl	978-0807014271

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	<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i>	Frederick Douglass	978-0486284996
<b>10th</b>	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i> (Summer Reading)	Ray Bradbury	978-1451673319
	<i>1984</i>	George Orwell	978-0451524935
	<i>Frankenstein</i>	Mary Shelley	978-0141439471
	<i>Second Treatise of Government</i>	John Locke	978-0915144860
	<i>The Iliad</i>	Homer	978-0140275360
	<i>Crime and Punishment</i>	Fyodor Dostoevsky	978-0679734505
	<i>The Communist Manifesto</i>	Karl Marx	978-0717802418
<b>11th</b>	<i>Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes</i> (Summer Reading)	Edith Hamilton	978-0446574754
	<i>Plato: Five Dialogues</i>	Plato	978-0872206335
	<i>The Odyssey</i>	Homer	978-0140268867
	<i>The Three Theban Plays</i>	Sophocles	978-0140444254
	<i>The Republic of Plato</i>	Allan Bloom	978-0465094080
	<i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>	Aristotle	978-1624668159
	<i>Meditations</i>	Marcus Aurelius	978-1668050804
	<i>Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version</i>	American Bible Society	978-1585160303
<b>12th</b>	<i>The Abolition of Man</i>	C. S. Lewis	978-0060652944
	<i>The Aeneid</i>	Virgil	978-0143105138
	<i>Confessions</i>	Saint Augustine	978-0140441147
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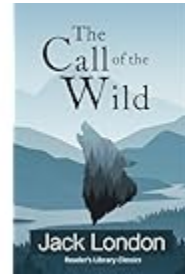
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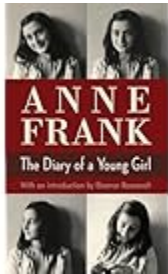
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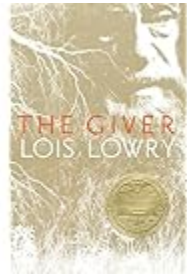
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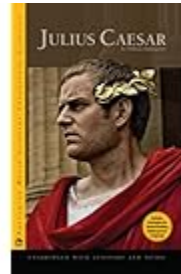
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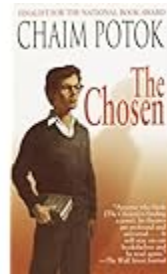
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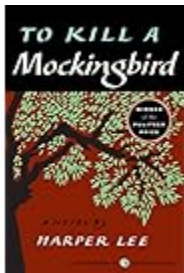
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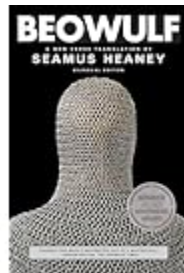
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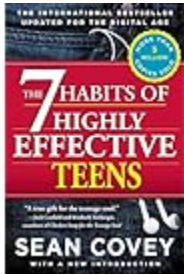


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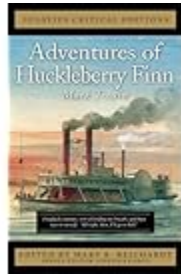


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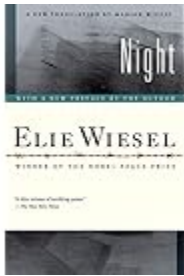
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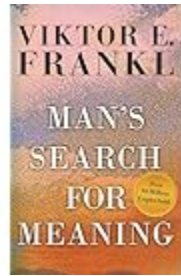
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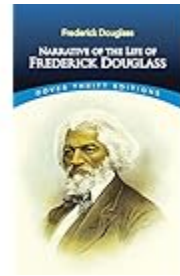
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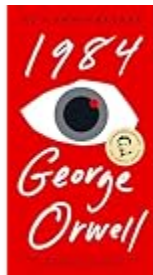


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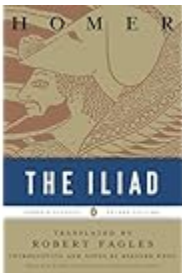
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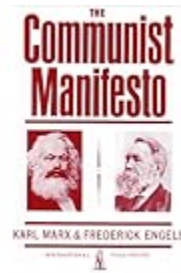
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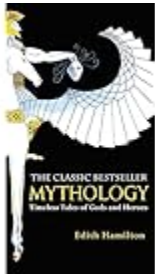


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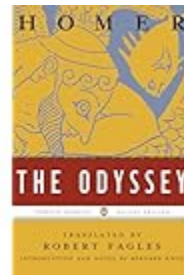
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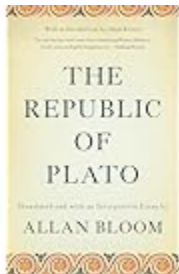
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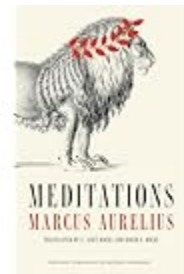
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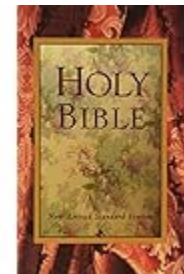
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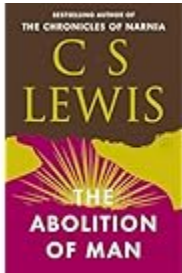


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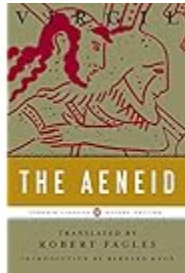


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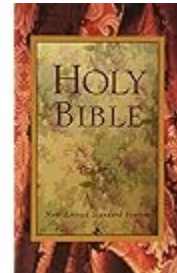
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