



TRUE NORTH

CLASSICAL ACADEMY

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Classics to Keep (7-12th Grade)

SY: 2026-27

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

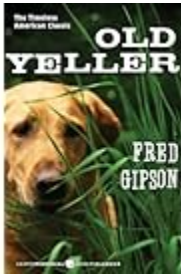
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The following is a snapshot of our 7-12th Grade “Classics to Keep.” After the table, you will find book cover photos along with the links for each grade level.

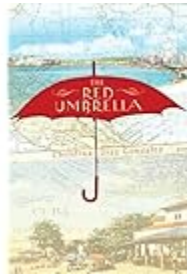
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7th	<i>Old Yeller</i> (Summer Reading)	Fred Gipson	978-0060935474
	<i>The Red Umbrella</i>	Christina Diaz Gonzalez	978-0375854897
	<i>The Miracle Worker</i>	William Gibson	978-1416590842
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	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee	978-0060935467
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9th	<i>The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens</i> (Summer Reading)	Sean Covey	978-1476764665
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	<i>Crime and Punishment</i>	Fyodor Dostoevsky	978-0679734505
	<i>The Communist Manifesto</i>	Karl Marx	978-0717802418
11th	<i>Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes</i> (Summer Reading)	Edith Hamilton	978-0446574754
	<i>Plato: Five Dialogues</i>	Plato	978-0872206335
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	<i>Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version</i>	American Bible Society	978-1585160303
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	<i>Confessions</i>	Saint Augustine	978-0140441147
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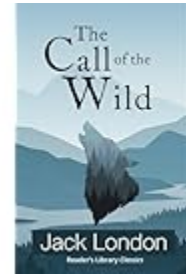
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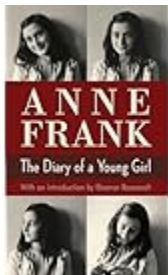
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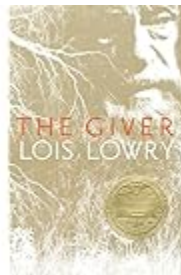
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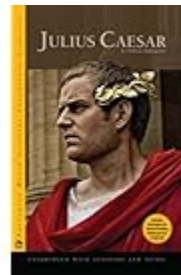
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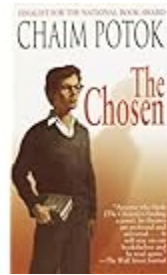
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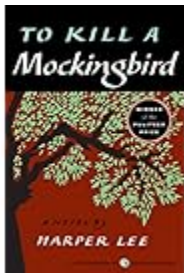
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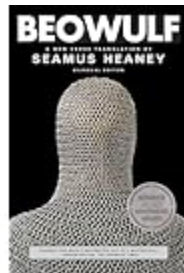
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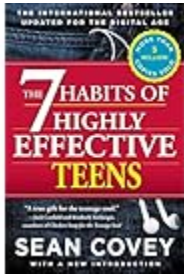


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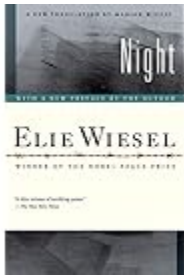
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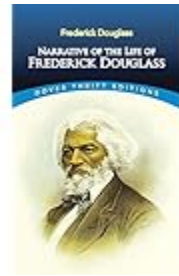
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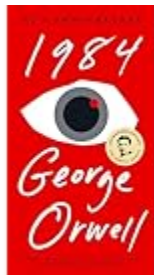


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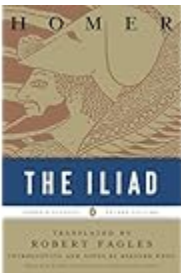
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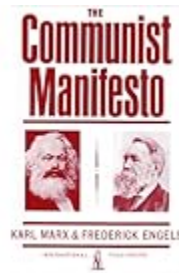
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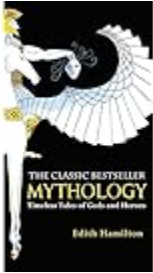


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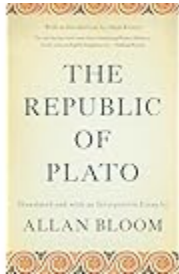
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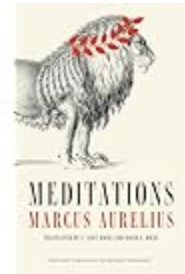
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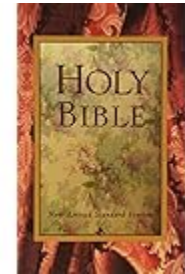
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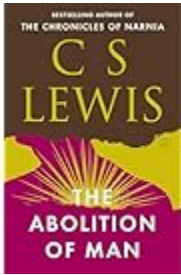
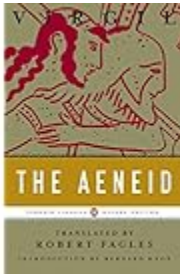
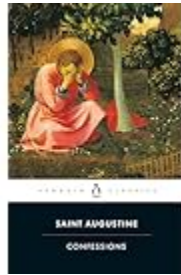
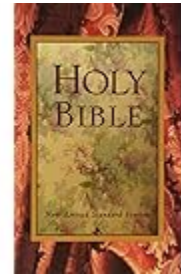
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