

## Renaissance Reader List (High School)

In our pursuit to build signature programs aligned with our mission, we look forward to introducing the **Renaissance Reading Scholar Program** for the 2023-24 school year. The program encourages students to read rigorous, intellectually challenging literature, often, but not limited to, literary classics. These will be titles our teachers feel are important for students to have read before college. This list is also *informed* by the Advanced Placement reading list and past Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winners. The Renaissance Reading Scholar Program began at Norfolk Academy, under the guidance of then Head of School, Dennis Manning. At Wilson Hall, we have slightly altered the program to fit our community and school mission.

Below are 12 book selections and sponsors. Students may choose six or more titles and discuss them with the faculty or staff sponsor. The meeting with the sponsor should reveal that the student understands the reading and can engage in an intellectual discussion. Students will not receive credit for the book until the sponsor confirms they have an adequate understanding of the selection. *Students may begin reading this summer, but the faculty meeting should be scheduled during the academic year.*

Students who complete at least six books will be recognized each year as Renaissance Readers (added to transcript). Students completing all four years of the program will be recognized as Renaissance Scholars (added to transcript).

2023-2024 List:

Book Title/Author	Sponsor
<i>Waiting for Godot</i> , Samuel Beckett (1953)	Mr. Scott Warren, World Language Department Chair, Music Teacher
<i>Slaughterhouse-Five</i> , Kurt Vonnegut (1969)	Mr. Neal Moersen, Technology Teacher, Coach
<i>Song of Solomon</i> , Toni Morrison (1977)	Mrs. Emily Wachter, English Teacher
<i>Atlas Shrugged</i> , Ayn Rand (1957)	Coach Chuck McCord, Chemistry & Philosophy Teacher, Coach
<i>Sophie's Choice</i> , William Styron (1979)	Mrs. Laura Barr, Director of Development
<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> , Zora Neale Hurston (1937)	Mrs. Kathy Coker, Third-Grade Teacher

<i>All the Light We Cannot See</i> , Anthony Doerr (2014)	Mrs. Molly McDuffie, English Department Chair
<i>The Awakening</i> , Kate Chopin (1899)	Ms. Missy Stokes, Assistant Security, Baron Care
<i>The Things They Carried</i> , Tim O'Brien (1990)	Mrs. Lori Brown, Social Studies Department Chair
<i>The Color Purple</i> , Alice Walker (1982)	Mrs. Chelsea Jackson, Preschool 4 Teacher
<i>A Prayer for Owen Meany</i> , John Irving (1989)	Mr. Sean Hoskins, Director of Admissions & PR, Government Teacher
<i>Absalom, Absalom!</i> , William Faulkner (1936)	Mr. Brent Kaneft, Head of School