

2025-2026 Classics to Keep – Upper School (Grades 7-12)

Dear Great Hearts Northern Oaks Parents,

Books are at the core of a classical, liberal arts education. At Great Hearts Academies, it has always been the tradition for students to develop a personal library of books that they mark in, keep and return to during their time at Great Hearts, 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 classics during the upcoming school year.

Parents and students are asked to purchase these books for their own personal collections, so that they can write in them and keep them-allowing students to develop their own impressive personal library of classics over the course of their academic career with Great Hearts.

Below is a list of the “Classics to Keep” along with the specific ISBN’s for each text, which will enable the class to easily refer to a page number or a specific passage during discussions. Please purchase the appropriate texts for your student.

Also included below are consumable resources particularly for foreign language classes. Since students will be asked to write in these books, we ask parents to purchase individual copies for each of their students.

If you are unable to purchase any of these books for your student, please contact our Business Clerk, Mrs. Brooke Schultze, by email at brooke.schultze@greatheartstxschools.org before the start of school.

Texts in red must be brought to school on the first day, August 12. Teachers will announce throughout the year when other texts must be brought to school.

Seventh Grade

LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION (ALL STUDENTS)	
Title	ISBN
Roger Lancelyn Green, <i>Tales of the Greek Heroes</i>	978-0141325286
C. S. Lewis, <i>The Silver Chair</i>	978-0064471091
William Gibson, <i>The Miracle Worker</i>	978-1416590842
Jack Schaefer, <i>Shane</i>	978-0544239470
Ray Bradbury, <i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	978-1451673319
Shakespeare, <i>Julius Caesar</i>	978-0143128601

LATIN 7 (ALL STUDENTS)	
Title	ISBN
<i>Wheelock's Latin 7th Edition</i>	978-0061997228

*This Latin text is the same text required for 8th grade. Families should keep the same copy for 7th grade for 8th grade Latin if possible.

Eighth Grade

LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION 8 (ALL STUDENTS)	
Title	ISBN
<i>William Golding, Lord of the Flies</i>	978-0399501487
<i>Beowulf</i>	978-0393320978
<i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</i>	978-0140440928
C.S. Lewis, <i>Out of the Silent Planet</i>	978-0743234900
George Orwell, <i>Animal Farm</i>	978-0451526342
Chaim Potok, <i>The Chosen</i>	978-1501142468
Harper Lee, <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	978-0060935467
Shakespeare, <i>The Merchant of Venice</i>	978-0143130222

UNITED STATES HISTORY 8 (ALL STUDENTS)	
Title	ISBN
<i>Wilfred McClay, Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story, Young Readers Edition, Volume 1</i>	978-1641771702

LATIN 8 (ALL STUDENTS)	
Title	ISBN
<i>Wheelock's Latin 7th Edition</i>	978-0061997228

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Ninth Grade

HUMANE LETTERS 9: THE AMERICAN TRADITION (ALL STUDENTS)	
Title	ISBN
Frederick Douglass, <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave</i>	978-0143107309
<i>A Short History of the United States</i>	978-0060831455
<i>A Documentary History of the United States</i>	978-0593439340
Mark Twain, <i>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>	978-0486280615
<i>The Federalist Papers</i>	978-0451528810
Alexis de Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i>	978-0451531605
Willa Cather, <i>My Antonia</i>	978-0395755143
Ernest Hemingway, <i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>	978-0684801223
F. Scott Fitzgerald, <i>The Great Gatsby</i>	978-0743273565
Shakespeare, <i>Othello</i>	978-0143128618
John Steinbeck, <i>Of Mice and Men</i>	978-0140177398

GEOMETRY STUDENTS ONLY	
Title	ISBN
<i>Euclid's Elements</i>	978-1888009194

SPANISH I STUDENTS ONLY	
Title	ISBN
Miriam Webster Spanish-English Dictionary (required for all levels of Spanish)	978-0877792987

LATIN IV STUDENTS ONLY	
Title	ISBN
Geoffrey Steadman, <i>College Caesar</i>	978-0984306572

Tenth Grade

HUMANE LETTERS 10: MODERN EUROPE (ALL STUDENTS)

Title	ISBN
Shakespeare, <i>Henry V</i>	978-0143130246
John Locke, <i>Political Writings</i>	978-0872206762
Jane Austen, <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	978-0141439518
Jean-Jacques Rousseau, <i>Discourse on the Origin of Inequality</i>	978-0872201507
Charles Dickens, <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>	978-0553211764
Marx and Engels, <i>Communist Manifesto</i>	978-0553214062
Mary Shelley, <i>Frankenstein</i>	978-0143131847
Fyodor Dostoevsky, <i>Crime and Punishment</i>	978-0679734505
Robert Bolt, <i>A Man for All Seasons</i>	978-0679728221

MUSIC: CHOIR 1B (ALL STUDENTS)

Title	ISBN
Pyotr Tchaikovsky, <i>Guide to the Practical Study of Harmony</i>	978-1420973754

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Title	ISBN
<i>Euclid's Elements</i>	978-1888009194

SPANISH II STUDENTS ONLY

Title	ISBN
Miriam Webster Spanish-English Dictionary (required for all levels of Spanish)	978-0877792987

LATIN V STUDENTS ONLY

Title	ISBN
<i>Vergil's Aeneid: Selected Readings from Books 1, 2, 4, and 6</i>	978-0865167643

Eleventh Grade

HUMANE LETTERS 11: ANCIENT GREECE (ALL STUDENTS)	
Title	ISBN
<i>Homer, Iliad</i>	978-0140275360
Homer, <i>Odyssey</i>	978-0140268867
<i>Holy Bible</i> , English Standard Version (Required for both 11 th and 12 th grades)	978-1433563423
Plato, <i>Five Dialogues</i>	978-0872206335
<i>The Republic of Plato</i>	978-0465094080
<i>The Greek Plays</i> (Paperback)	978-0812983098
Shakespeare, <i>Hamlet</i>	978-0143128540
Aristotle, <i>Nichomachean Ethics</i>	978-1624668159
Oscar Wilde, <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i>	978-0141439570

SPANISH III STUDENTS ONLY	
Title	ISBN
Miriam Webster Spanish-English Dictionary (required for all levels of Spanish)	978-0877792987
<i>Classic Spanish Stories and Plays</i> (required for both Spanish III and IV)	978-0658011382

GREEK I STUDENTS ONLY	
Title	ISBN
<i>Learn to Read Greek: Part 1, Textbook and Workbook Set</i>	978-0300167719

Twelfth Grade

HUMANE LETTERS 12: ROME TO MODERNITY (ALL STUDENTS)	
Title	ISBN
<i>Virgil, The Aeneid</i>	978-0679729525
<i>Holy Bible, English Standard Version</i> (Required for both 11 th and 12 th grades)	978-1433563423
Augustine, <i>Confessions</i>	978-0140441147
Aquinas, <i>Treatise on Law</i>	978-0872205482
Dante, <i>Inferno</i>	978-0385496988
Dante, <i>Purgatorio</i>	978-0385497008
Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i>	978-0226500447
Shakespeare, <i>Macbeth</i>	978-0143128564
Shakespeare, <i>King Lear</i>	978-0140714906
Fyodor Dostoevsky, <i>The Brothers Karamazov</i>	978-1250788450

SPANISH IV STUDENTS ONLY	
Title	ISBN
Miriam Webster Spanish-English Dictionary (required for all levels of Spanish)	978-0877792987
<i>Classic Spanish Stories and Plays</i> (required for both Spanish III and IV)	978-0658011382
Federico Lorca, <i>La casa de Bernarda Alba</i>	978-1548575434

GREEK II STUDENTS ONLY	
Title	ISBN
<i>Learn to Read Greek: Part 2, Textbook and Workbook Set</i>	978-0300167726