

2026-2027 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.

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 11. 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> (Folger Shakespeare Library Edition)	978-0743482745

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
Roger Lancelyn Green, <i>King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table</i>	978-0141321011
<i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</i> (Penguin Classics Edition)	978-0140440928
C.S. Lewis, <i>Out of the Silent Planet</i>	978-0743234900
George Orwell, <i>Animal Farm</i> (Signet Classic)	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> (The Pelican Shakespeare)	978-0143130222

Ninth Grade

HUMANE LETTERS 9: THE AMERICAN TRADITION (ALL STUDENTS)	
Title	ISBN
<i>Frederick Douglass, 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> (The Pelican Shakespeare)	978-0143128618
Thornton Wilder, <i>Our Town</i>	978-0063003996

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

Tenth Grade

HUMANE LETTERS 10: MODERN EUROPE (ALL STUDENTS)	
Title	ISBN
Shakespeare, <i>Henry V</i> (Folger Shakespeare Library Edition)	978-1982109417
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

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

LATIN V STUDENTS ONLY	
Title	ISBN
<i>Vergil: A Legamus Transitional Reader</i>	978-0865165786

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)	979-8874903398
Herodotus, <i>On the War for Greek Freedom</i>	978-0872206670
Thucydides, <i>The Essential Thucydides: On Justice Power and Human Nature</i>	978-1647920159
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> (The Pelican Shakespeare)	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
<i>Classic Spanish Stories and Plays</i> (required for both Spanish III and IV)	978-0658011382

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 (Required for both 11th and 12th grades)</i>	979-8874903398
<i>Augustine, Confessions</i>	978-0140441147
<i>Aquinas, Treatise on Law</i>	978-0872205482
<i>Dante, Inferno</i>	978-0385496988
<i>Dante, Purgatorio</i>	978-0385497008
<i>Machiavelli, The Prince</i>	978-0226500447
<i>Shakespeare, Macbeth (The Pelican Shakespeare)</i>	978-0143128564
<i>Shakespeare, King Lear (The Pelican Shakespeare)</i>	978-0140714906
<i>Fyodor Dostoevsky, The Brothers Karamazov</i>	978-1250788450

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