

**Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School**  
**2017 Summer Reading**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Theology, English, and Science require summer reading. The following books are assigned for summer reading. You will also be expected to bring your knowledge of the book into classroom discussions at the appropriate period. If you have difficulty locating any books this summer, **you can order all of them on the internet at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)**.

**Theology Department Reading**

During the first month of school, all theology classes will have assessments on summer reading. The assessment may be in the form of a writing assignment, quiz or test. The following assignment, and the assessment to follow, is worth 5% of your overall average.

**Abraham** by Bruce Feiler ISBN: 9780060838669

Summarize the book in a well organized (one major idea per paragraph, introduction, and conclusion) 500 word paper. Type your summary following MLA guidelines. Double-space the paper using #12 font and include at least 5 quotes (with proper reference). This assignment is **strictly individual**, thus it is subject to the full extent of plagiarism standards.

**Science Department Reading**

During the first week of school, all Science classes will have assessments on the summer reading. The assessment may be in the form of a writing assignment, quiz or test.

<b><u>Science Course</u></b>	<b><u>Book Title</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>
Human Anatomy/Physiology	<i><u>An American Plague</u></i>	Jim Murphy
AP Chemistry	<i><u>The Rock From Mars</u></i>	Kathy Sawyer
Physics	<i><u>Rocket Boys</u></i>	Homer H. Hickam, Jr.
A.P. Physics	<i><u>For the Love of Physics</u></i>	Walter Lewin
Environmental Science	<i><u>The Perfect Storm</u></i>	Sebastian Junger

## English Department Reading

All seniors are to read and to answer the questions below. You must use a word processor for the questions. During the first week of the new school year, in addition to turning in the questions, English classes will have tests on the books read. We hope your reading will be pleasurable.

**English:**                      *The Crystal Cave*                      Mary Stewart

### Reading Response Questions for The Crystal Cave:

How is the character/personality of Merlin, as developed in *The Crystal Cave*, important to the King Arthur legend? Support your answer with three significant examples from the novel. Your response should be a typed essay of at least 500 words. An objective test covering this book will be administered in class the first full week of school.

**A.P. English:**                      *The Crystal Cave*                      Mary Stewart  
   *Wuthering Heights*                      Emily Bronte

**AP English please see additional handout**