

**Bishop Shanahan High School  
Summer Reading Program ~ 2011**

***Class of 2013 Reading List***

**Required Reading for all Rising Juniors**

**A Man for All Seasons - Robert Bolt**

The classic play about Sir Thomas More, the Lord chancellor who refused to compromise and was executed by Henry VIII.



**Optional Book List for all Rising Juniors ~ (Choose Two)**

**The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde – Robert Louis Stevenson**

Idealistic young scientist Henry Jekyll struggles to unlock the secrets of the soul. Testing chemicals in his lab, he drinks a mixture he hopes will isolate – and eliminate – human evil. Instead it unleashes the dark forces within him, transforming him into the hideous and murderous Mr. Hyde.

**1984 – George Orwell**

George Orwell's prophetic, nightmarish vision of "Negative Utopia" is timelier than ever - and its warnings more powerful.

**Frankenstein – Mary Shelly**

Shelley's classic hints in part at the possible dangers inherent in the pursuit of pure science; it also portrays the injustice of a society which persecutes outcasts such as the "Monster." Disturbing and profoundly moving, Frankenstein has become part of our own mythology.

**Lord of the Flies – William Golding**

This classic YA novel depicts the struggles of a group of British schoolboys stranded on a desert island.

**Rebecca – Daphne DuMaurier**

When the dashing Max de Winter finds a new wife while vacationing in Italy, he feels happy for the first time since Rebecca, his first wife, died. However, de Winter's grim housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers, is obsessively devoted to the first Mrs. de Winter and won't let the newlyweds forget Rebecca. As the tension escalates, Mrs. Danvers grows more desperate — and more deadly.

These annotations were taken from [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).