

# READING & RHETORIC

## JUNE 20TH - AUGUST 10TH 2023

The R & R Seminar allows **ambitious 9th and 10th grade students** to develop critical thinking, reading, and writing skills, while polishing vital academic skills. In this course, students will engage in challenging texts from different genres and gain interdisciplinary literacy by exploring a range of subjects across the humanities. Students will also have the chance to work on reading and writing test-style passages while exploring subjects and themes that will appear on the PSAT and SAT. *Please keep in mind that this course does NOT involve weekly timed exams or practice in mathematics.*

### Interactive small-group classes include:

Seminar-style discussions • Individual and collaborative exercises • Analytical reading passages

## SESSION DATES

**Session 1:** June 20th - July 13th

**Session 2:** July 18th - August 10th

## SCHEDULE

**IN-PERSON**

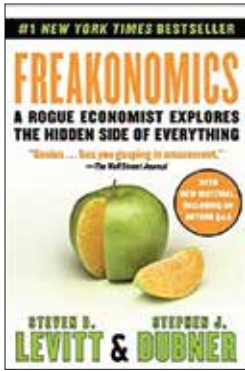
Tues & Thur: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

4-week session tuition: **\$650**

8-week session tuition: **\$1,200**

A discount will be given for students enrolled in both **R&R** and **Math Bridge**.

## SESSION ONE: JUNE 20TH - JULY 13TH

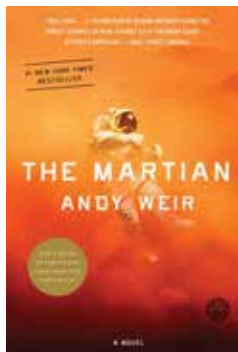


### FREAKONOMICS: A ROGUE ECONOMIST EXPLORES

### THE HIDDEN SIDE OF EVERYTHING

by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner

In their own words, the authors of *Freakonomics* seek to use economic thinking in order to expose "the hidden side of everything." An exploration of several counter-intuitive, even shocking insights about economics and everyday life: What is the connection between school teachers and sumo wrestlers? Why do drug dealers often live with their moms? If these questions seem at all interesting, you will enjoy this book.



### THE MARTIAN

by Andy Weir

Andy Weir's *The Martian* tells the story of astronaut Mark Watney. Six days previous to the start of the novel, Mark became one of the first people to walk on Mars. He also became the first person to be left on Mars, and will surely be the first person to die there. After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself stranded with no way to signal to Earth that he's still alive. But Mark isn't ready to give up just yet. With sarcasm, humor, and wit, Mark records his struggle to survive as he confronts one impossible obstacle after the next.

## SESSION TWO: JULY 18TH - AUGUST 10TH



### THE GHOST MAP

by Steven Johnson

Steven Johnson's *The Ghost Map* is a fast-paced work of non-fiction that examines London's 1854 Cholera outbreak. Although not for the squeamish, this book will be fascinating to anyone with interests in medicine, public health, or data science. Because the new SAT focuses heavily on 19th-century writing and data analysis, this book is a great way for 9th and 10th graders to begin preparing for their 11th-grade SAT and ACT exams. Reading *The Ghost Map* will give students the tools necessary to engage critically with non-fiction texts that contemplate earlier centuries and the mind-set that informs them.

### DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Robert Louis Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* was first published in 1886, became an instant classic, and remains one of the best tales ever written about the divided self. This is a story of a protagonist with a double life—by day he worked as a respectable doctor and by night roamed the back alleys of old-town London. Students will delve into this brilliantly original study of man's dual nature—as well as an immortal tale of suspense and terror.

