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5. Follow the online instructions to create an account.
6. On your iPad download the Kindle app and sign in to your Amazon account.
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3. Select "**Create An Account.**"
4. Follow the instructions to create an account. (Note: "**Under College, School, or Institution**" the school's zip code is 60620. From the drop down box , select "**Other**" and manually type "**St. Rita High School.**"
5. Go to the booklist portal and select the class again.
6. Follow the link to purchase the book.
7. Purchase the book.
8. On your iPad, tap into the App Store and download "**Bookshelf.**"

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6. If you do not have a Vista Higher Learning account, select **"Create a Student Account"** and fill in the required information.
7. Select **"Create Student Account."**
8. Complete your order by filling out the required information.
9. Go to the App Store and search by the title of your book.
10. Be sure to select the correct level (Freshman/Sophomore Level 1, Junior/Senior Level 2)
11. Tap the price of the book, then tap **"Buy"**
12. If prompted enter your Apple ID
13. Go to the iPad home page and find the book.
14. Open the book and log in using your Vista Higher Learning Student account to access it.

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1. Go to the booklist portal and select the class and then the book.
2. Enter the school zip code **"60620"**
3. Select **"St. Rita of Cascia High School"** from the list.
4. From the drop down box select the course
5. Enter the quantity of the book **"1"**
6. Select **"Add to Cart"**
7. Click on the **"Guest Checkout"** and follow the online steps to complete your order.
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