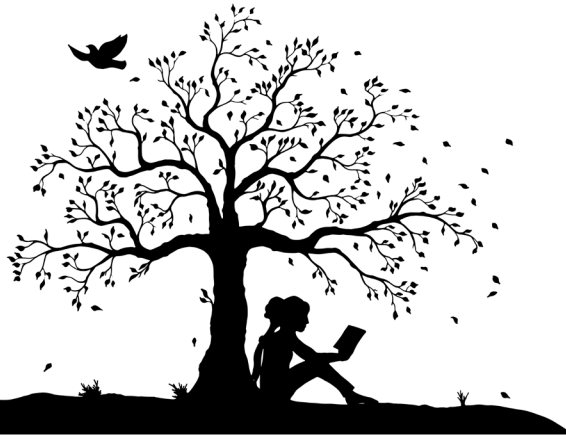


MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING



Dear Parents and Students,

Summer reading is designed to maintain student reading level, improve comprehension, and enhance vocabulary. It is critical in helping ensure that students' literacy skills remain strong. Our summer reading program was created to reduce the "summer slide" and provide your child with some excellent reading material.

Our Middle School English teachers are excited about our requirements for this summer's reading. We believe this will give our students more freedom in choosing books with subject matters in which they are interested.

Parental guidance in helping students select appropriate texts is highly encouraged. [Commonsensemedia.org](https://www.commonsensemedia.org) is an excellent website to seek recommendations and review content.

Reading requirements per grade level:

- Select one fiction and one nonfiction text from the grade level book list to read during June and July. Then read the assigned book of the Bible to read the first two weeks of August.
- Follow directions for the assignment listed for the grade level.
- Create a FlipGrid Video Report for all three of the reading assignments <https://flipgrid.com/8thsummerhamilton>

If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Hamilton: ElizabethHamilton@hgchristian.org

Summer Reading Menu 8th Grade

DIRECTIONS:

- Read one book a month. It must be on your reading level. If you are unsure of your level, use the five word rule. (A book is too hard if you can't recognize five or more words on a page). In June you are to read fiction, in July you are to read a nonfiction book, and in August you are to read a book of the Bible.
- Create a FlipGrid Video Report for each book: <https://flipgrid.com/8thsummerhamilton>
- Your video for each book should be between 3-5 minutes and must include the categories listed below.

	JUNE (FICTION)	JULY (NON-FICTION)
Use the blanks below to take your notes. You may be as creative as you would like with this video. You can dress up like a character, use an accent, create a setting... Just don't cover your face.		
Title and Author		
Summary:	A good summary includes: characters, setting, plot, beginning, middle, and end. (Click for a 5 minute tutorial)	
Theme:		
Your favorite part. Why?		
Would you recommend this to a friend? Why/Why not?		

	AUGUST (PROVERBS 1-15)
What is the reference of your favorite passage?	Ex. Proverbs 1:1-6
What is a summary of this passage?	
What was your favorite verse in this passage? Why?	
What did this passage teach you about God? About yourself?	

HGCS 8TH GRADE LITERATURE LIST

Students may not use a book for a book report that they have read previously.

Black Font = Fiction Blue Font = Non-fiction

#	Title	Author
1	Across Five Aprils	Hunt
2	And Then There Were None	Christie
3	Appointment in Jerusalem	Prince
4	Ben Hur	Wallace
5	Blind Side, The	Lewis
6	Born Again	Colson
7	Boy of Old Prague, A	Ish-Sishor
8	Boys' War: Confederate & Union Soldiers Talk about the Civil War	Murphy
9	Bud & Me: the True Adventures of the Abernathy Boys	Abernathy
10	Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee	Brown
11	Carry a Big Stick: The Uncommon Heroism of T. Roosevelt	Grant
12	David Copperfield	Dickens
13	Davy Crockett: His Own Story	Crockett
14	Diary of a Young Girl: The Definitive Edition, The	Frank
15	Death Be Not Proud	Cunther
16	Destination: Moon	Irwin
17	Ethan Frome	Wharton
18	Flags of Our Fathers	Bradley
19	Frankenstein	Shelley
20	Fun of It, The	Earhart
21	Gettysburg	Kantor
22	Give Me Liberty	Vaughn
23	Good Earth, The	Buck
24	Great Expectations	Dickens
25	Harriet Tubman: Conductor	Petry
26	Hero Tales from American History	Roosevelt & Lodge
27	Hiroshima	Hersey
28	House of Seven Gables, The	Hawthorne
29	Hunchback of Notre Dame, The	Hugo
30	Ivanhoe	Scott
31	Journey Through the Night	De Vries
32	Journey to Ellis Island	Bierman
33	Journey Home	Uchida
34	Journey to America	Levitin
35	Killing Lincoln	O'Reilly
36	Kim	Kipling
37	Last of the Mohicans, The	Cooper
38	Les Miserables	Hugo
39	Lost World, The	Doyle
40	Madame Curie: A Biography	Curie
41	Midsummer Night's Dream, A	Shakespeare
42	Mutiny on the Bounty	Nordhof & Hall
43	My Antonia	Cather
44	National Velvet	Bangold
45	Never Give In: The Extraordinary Character of Winston Churchill	Mansfield
46	Old Man and the Sea	Hemingway
47	Northanger Abby	Austen
48	Plague, The	Camus
49	Pride and Prejudice	Austen
50	Profiles in Courage	Kennedy
51	Separate Peace, A	Knowles
52	Sergeant York and the Great War	York
53	Silas Marner	Eliot
54	Story of My Life	Keller
55	Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, The	Stevenson
56	Stillness at Appomattox, A	Catton
57	Sword in the Stone, The	White
58	Taming of the Shrew, The	Shakespeare
59	Through the Looking-Glass	Carroll
60	Time Machine, The	Wlls
61	Thomas Jefferson: Architect of Democracy	Severance
62	Treasure Island	Stevenson
63	Up From Slavery	Washington
64	Virginian, The	Wister
65	War Stories: True Stories from the First and Second World Wars	Doswell
66	Washington: The Indispensable Man	Flexner
67	Winning with Quiet Strength	Dungy
68	With Lee in Virginia	Henty