

Government Street Christian School

Summer Reading List for 6th-11th grades

Students in 6th-11th grades will be responsible for choosing one novel from the following list and reading that novel over the summer. Students must keep up with a journal of their thoughts. This journal will be turned in the first week of school. I will not take late assignments, and this will be a test grade. Do not wait until the last minute to do this or you will not get finished.

Requirements for reading journal: Remember the journal should be neatly written or typed.

1. Students must read each chapter and write a one half page summary per chapter in their journal.
2. Write a short 200 word summary of the entire plot of the story. Students should write the title of the book (in italics) and the author. Include the beginning, the middle, and the end.
3. Write a paragraph explaining the significance of the title. Authors rarely choose the title randomly. Dig for a symbolic meaning or a metaphor that may represent some specific incident in the book .
4. Make a list of the main characters and list five adjectives to describe each one.
5. In one paragraph, describe your first impression of the antagonist. Did the antagonist stay the same or change throughout the story? How?
6. Describe your first impression of the protagonist. Did the protagonist change or stay the same throughout the story? How?
7. Sketch a scene from the book. Stick figures are fine, but work to impress your teacher on this one. Include the title of the book and the author. Each sketch must include color.
8. Write 5-8 sentences about each of the following questions
 - What did you enjoy the most about this book? Was there a particular part that was your favorite? Why?
 - What did you enjoy the least about this book? Was there a particular part that you disliked? Why?

Choose one book from the following lists (listed by grade level)

6th grade:

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Treasure Island by Robert Lois Stevenson

Schooled by Gordon Korman

7th grade:

Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

8th grade:

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Lois Stevenson

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

9th grade:

The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

The Island by Gary Paulsen

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

10th grade:

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Nineteen Eighty Four by George Orwell

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

11th grade:

The Invisible Man by George Orwell

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

The Crucible by Arthur Miller