



COVENANT

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

May 20, 2017

Dear High School Parents and Students,

Summer break is upon us! We are happy to announce our 2017 Required Summer Reading Program for rising 9th-12th graders! Because reading is such an important activity for intellectual growth and development, our commitment to foster and instill a love of reading remains strong.

Please read carefully this year's requirements. High school students are **required** to read only two books including the **required title** (teacher's choice) and **one book of choice** (student choice) from the selected list. We are including this year *an optional Bible selection in addition to the two books. These additional Bible selections correlate with our 9th-12th curriculum and, **if completed**, will be counted as **extra credit** in Bible and/or Language Arts class. The assignment required for the two books as well as the optional assignment for Bible selections will be graded and included in the first grading period.

Parents, please verify that your student has completed his/her summer reading assignments by signing the Summer Reading Book Response Form.

We appreciate your continued support and cooperation with these reading requirements. May God bless you with a happy and safe summer!

Your CCA Library Media Center & Language Arts Department

Summer Reading Book List

Rising 9th Grade

More Than a Carpenter by Josh McDowell

Student's Choice (from selected list)

*Bible selection: Gospel of John

Rising 10th Grade

Kisses from Katie: A Story of Relentless Love & Redemption by Katie Davis

or

The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical by Shane

Claiborne

Student Choice (from selected list)

*Bible selection: Colossians

Rising 11th Grade

Crazy Love by Francis Chan

Student's choice (from selected list)

*Bible selection: Job or Hebrews

Rising 12th Grade

Radical by David Platt

Student's Choice (from selected list)

*Bible selection: Romans

*Selected Bible readings are **encouraged**, but **optional**. Extra credit will be given if completed.*

Instructions

Students will complete the Response Forms for **both books**.

When purchasing your book, please choose the unabridged version if it is available. Also, please make sure the choice book is appropriate as well as grade level. Students will be required to complete the assignment below for both selections read and both assignments **will be graded** and included in your student's grade for the first grading period.

Assignment

Rising 9th Grade - 12th Grade (Honors included)

- Complete Response Form for Required Read (Teacher's choice)
- Complete Response Form for Choice Read (Either Fiction or Non-Fiction)
- *Optional Bible selection:

Rising 9th Grade - Write or type a journal entry on three ways the book of John supports John 20:31.

Rising 10th Grade - Write or type a journal entry on three ways the book of Colossians describes Christian living.

Rising 11th Grade - Write or type a journal entry on three ways God describes Himself in the book of Job.

Rising 12th Grade - Write or type a journal entry on three essentials of salvation from the book of Romans.

****Please note: Rising 11th-12th Grade Honors****

- Be prepared for a quiz, test or essay upon returning to school.

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Response Form Required Read

Answer the following questions (on a separate sheet of paper) in complete sentences. These should be COMPLETE AND FULL sentences/answers. Show knowledge of the book and make sure the answers are detailed and specific.

1. What do you believe was the author's purpose for writing? Why?
2. Specifically what new principles or truths did you learn from reading this book?
3. Comment on the author's writing style. Was it easy to read? Why or why not?
4. Give a **detailed** description of at least one favorite part that had the greatest impact on you.
5. If given the chance, what further questions would you like to ask the author?
6. Give a simple summary of the book from the beginning to the conclusion.
7. Briefly give a quote or section of the book had the greatest impact on you.

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Response Form Choice Read
(Fiction)

Student Name: _____

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Directions: Select 5 of the following questions and answer in complete sentences or paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper. These must be **detailed** answers with references to the book. Please show knowledge of the book through your answers to receive credit. Give FULL response answers with REFERENCES TO THE BOOK. Be clear and specific. Staple this paper with assignment and turn in by **Friday, August 18, 2017.**

1. Identify two main characters and describe the character's personality with references from the book.
2. Describe in detail the primary setting.
3. Discuss the conflicts the main character(s) faced.
4. Name two Christian principles that were addressed or could potentially be addressed.
5. What was your favorite part of the book? Why? Explain.

6. What did you learn from this book that you could apply to your life? Be very specific with references to the book.

7. What character could you identify with the most and why? Include details from the book.

8. Write an overview or plot summary of the book.

9. Would you recommend this book to someone else? Why or why not? Explain.

10. Identify five-to-eight vocabulary words in the novel that were unfamiliar to you. Using context clues, what do you think the words mean?

**** Double Entry Journal (DEJ): While you are reading, **it is best** (although you are not required) to keep a double entry journal of at least six entries for the book you read: two entries from the beginning, two from the middle, and two from the end of the book. This journal should have two columns:

- The left side column is the place to write important quotes, ideas, and/or issues. You should include a page number on which each passage appears.
- The right side column is where you explain why you chose this particular passage and how it made you think or feel.

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Summer Reading 2017
Response Form Choice Read
(Non Fiction)

Student Name: _____

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences or paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper. These must be **detailed** answers with references to the book. Please show knowledge of the book through your answers to receive credit. Give FULL response answers with REFERENCES TO THE BOOK. Be clear and specific. Staple this paper with assignment and turn in by **Friday, August 18, 2017**.

1. What is the issue presented in this non-fiction selection?

2. Based on the information presented in this selection, do you feel this is an accurate account of the issue? Explain why or why not using two details and/or examples from the text.

3. What is the author's purpose in writing this selection? Use two details and/or examples from the text to explain why you believe this to be the purpose.

4. How does the content of this selection relate to the real world around you? What connections can you make between what you've read and other events or issues in the world today or in history?

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COVENANT'S SELECTED BOOK LIST

TITLE

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
A Journey to the Center of the Earth
A Tale of Two Cities
All Things Bright and Beautiful
Anna Karenina
Anne of Green Gables
Call of the Wild
Captains Courageous
Cheaper by the Dozen
Crime and Punishment
Cyrano de Bergerac
David Copperfield
Death of a Salesman
Fellowship of the Ring
Frankenstein
Gone with the Wind
Hiroshima
Ivanhoe
Jacob Have I Loved
Jane Eyre
Little Women
Our Town
Paradise Lost
Pride and Prejudice
Princess Bride
Return of the King
Romeo and Juliet
Sarah Bishop
Tarzan of the Apes
Tess of the D'ubervilles

AUTHOR

Jules Verne
Jules Verne
Charles Dickens
James Herriott
Leo Tolstoy
L.M. Montgomery
Jack London
Rudyard Kipling
Frank B. Gilbreth
Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Edmond Rostand
Charles Dickens
Arthur Miller
J.R.R. Tolkien
Mary Shelley
Margaret Mitchell
John Hersey
Sir Walter Scott
Katherine Paterson
Charlotte Bronte
Louisa May Alcott
Thornton Wilder
John Milton
Jane Austen
William Goldman
J.R.R. Tolkien
William Shakespeare
Scott O'Dell
Edgar Rice Burroughs
Thomas Hardy

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
The Gift of the Magi and Others Stories
The Grapes of Wrath
The Great Gatsby
The Hound of the Baskervilles
The House of the Seven Gables
The Last of the Mohicans
The Odyssey
The Old Man and the Sea
The Pilgrim's Progress
The Prince and the Pauper
The Red Badge of Courage
The Screwtape Letters
The Swan House
The Three Musketeers
The Time Machine
This Present Darkness
Treasure Island
Tuesdays with Morrie
Twelfth Night
Two Towers
War and Peace
Watership Down
Wuthering Heights

Mark Twain
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
O. Henry
John Steinbeck
F. Scott Fitzgerald
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Nathaniel Hawthorne
James Fenimore Cooper
Homer
Ernest Hemingway
John Bunyan
Mark Twain
Stephen Crane
C.S. Lewis
Elizabeth Musser
Alexandre Dumas
H.G. Wells
Frank Peretti
Robert Louis Stevenson
Albom Mitch
William Shakespeare
J.R.R. Tolkien
Leo Tolstoy
Richard Adams
Emily Bronte