

# Legacy Christian Academy

Summer Reading Assignments for students entering English 7

## Summer Reading Philosophy:

Reading is a fundamental life skill, and it can also be a pleasurable and rewarding activity. The Legacy English Department cares greatly about fostering in our students the enjoyment of quality literature as well as helping them achieve academic gains across all disciplines. Studies show that people who read more become stronger readers and writers and have better vocabulary and spelling skills. Independent reading outside the classroom is just as important as guided reading inside the classroom in developing these skills. Our goal is for all students to take ownership of their reading and know the pleasure of independence.

For Summer Reading 7-12 students are assigned required reading. Then they have optional reading they can record to earn prizes at the beginning of the school year. Students may use required reading minutes and choose books from the list below or books of choice.

## REQUIRED Reading:

Choose 1-2 books totaling a minimum of 300 pages from the list attached.

**REQUIRED Project:** Write a personal letter for one of your books read according to the instructions provided below.

### Accountability

You are required to write me a letter with the following content:

- Introduction: Who you are, your hobbies, your likes, dislikes, etc. Include some of your exciting summer adventures.
- Summary: Brief 2-5 sentences giving the synopsis of the storyline.
- Opinions: What did you think about the book read? Why? Provide support with your opinion.
- Include additional titles read over the summer.
- Close your letter.

### Important Things to Remember:

- Do not share this document with me. The due date will be announced the first day of school. I will address this assignment on the first day. It should be printed, ready to turn in, by the due date.
- Italicize and capitalize the title whenever it occurs within your letter.
- The name of the author must appear next to the title the first time it is mentioned.
- Spelling, punctuation, and grammar reveal your best work.
- Be sure to have this typed, following a professional, yet friendly, format.
- Double Space, Size 12 Font, Easy to read font style.
- This will be a first impression of you and your ability. Please show me your finest work!

**OPTIONAL:** To be entered into a drawing for prizes, students must read a minimum of 600 pages. (The required reading DOES count toward this total!)

### Independent Reading Choices

- *Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Zach's Lie* by Roland Smith
- *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson
- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
- *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry
- *The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave* by Rick Yancy
- *Yellow Star* by Jennifer Roy
- *Divergent* by Veronica Roth
- *Insurgent* by Veronica Roth
- *Allegiant* by Veronica Roth
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetya
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld
- *Pretties* by Scott Westerfeld
- *Specials* by Scott Westerfeld
- *Extras* by Scott Westerfeld
- *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini
- *Rules* by Cynthia Lord
- *Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger
- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins
- *The Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins
- *Flush* by Carl Hiaasen
- *So B. It* by Sarah Weeks
- *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte
- *1984* by George Orwell
- *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Soul Surfer* by Bethany Hamilton
- *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson
- *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse
- *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne
- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling
- *Crossing* by Gary Paulsen
- *Catherine, Called Birdy* by Karen Cushman
- *Brian's Hunt* by Gary Paulsen
- *Trapped in Hitler's Hell* by Anita Dittman
- *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen
- *Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *She Said Yes* by Misty Bernal
- *Saint Ben* by John Fischer
- *90 Minutes in Heaven* by Don Piper
- *The Traveler's Gift* by Andy Andrews
- *One Tuesday Morning* by Karen Kingsbury
- *Beyond Tuesday Morning* by Karen Kingsbury
- *Every Now and Then* by Karen Kingsbury
- *Unlocked* by Karen Kingsbury
- *Thr3e* by Ted Dekker
- *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare
- *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

**Greeting**

Dear Mrs. Bruneau,

**Date**

August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

It was quite a summer! I played baseball and went on a mission trip to Mexico with my youth group. In Mexico, I really learned to rely on God to provide for my needs and the needs of the people we were trying to help. Reading *Saint Ben* by John Fischer this summer really helped me to see how God meets the needs of his people, wherever they are and whatever their needs are.

**Introduction:  
Likes/Hobbies &  
Summer Activities**

*Saint Ben* is about a young boy whose father is the new pastor of a church. He becomes really great friends with the son of the worship leader. Together, these two boys spend a summer pulling practical jokes on the members of the church. Then, Ben becomes very ill and his friend needs to learn how to love someone he knows he may lose. This story is one of determination, love, and loss, and through the hardest of life's circumstances, this story proves that God is still in control.

**Synopsis  
of the book  
choice**

This book really was hard for me to put down. I wanted to follow the story of the two mischievous boys in their pursuit of their pranks. Reading how Jonathan becomes a real friend to Ben and is there for him throughout his life's hardship was really inspiring for me. I could relate to the challenges faced by the boys. I loved reading this book.

**Support**

**Opinion  
of the book**

A few novels that I read for my own enjoyment included *Among the Betrayed* by Margaret Peterson Haddix, *When Heaven Weeps* by Ted Dekker, *Divergent* by Veronica Roth, *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom, and *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt. I look forward to the new novels we get to read in English this year.

**Additional  
books read**

**Closing**

Sincerely Yours,



John Smith

