

Legacy Christian Academy

Summer Reading Assignments for students entering English 8

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:

The Hiding Place: The Triumphant True Story of Corrie Ten Boom—Quiz on the first week of school over content

REQUIRED Project: Write a personal letter for *The Hiding Place* according to the instructions provided below.

Accountability

You are required to write me a letter with the following content for the book *The Hiding Place*.

- 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 should 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 of *The Hiding Place* does count toward this total!)

Independent Reading Choices

- *A Boy at War* by Harry Mazer
- *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Choldenko
- *Native Son* by Richard Wright
- *Horse Thief* by Robert Newton Peck
- *Hitch* by Jeanette Ingold
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor
- *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Zach's Lie* by Roland Smith
- *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson
- *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry
- *The 5th 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
- *Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger
- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins
- *The Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins
- *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *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
- *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson
- *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse
- *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
- *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

Greeting

Dear Mrs. Bruneau,

Date

August 21st, 2015

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

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Summer Reading Log - Grades 7/8

Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings... Proverbs 22:29a
Your 'required' book page can (and should) also be included on this log!

Date	Title	Starting Page	Ending Page	Total Pages
7/11/2016	<i>The Hobbit</i>	1	28	28

Student's Name: _____

Total Pages on this Sheet: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Entering Grade: _____

Attach additional sheets as needed. All sheets must be turned in to the student's English teacher on the first day of school. In recording your number of pages, your honesty and integrity is both expected and appreciated.