

2018 Summer Reading for Middle School Students

(See *Middle School Book Report Suggestion List* for acceptable titles. Choose 1 book)

Answer the four following questions carefully and thoroughly. Please use relevant textual evidence to support your ideas. Be sure to identify the book's title and author's name. Each paragraph is worth 25 points for an assignment total of 100 points for each book.

Due: Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Length: 4 well-developed paragraphs, handwritten neatly in blue or black ink with no writing on the back of the page or typed

- a. In one well-developed paragraph, write a reaction statement to the book that you read. Be specific in your thoughts about points that you liked or did not like about the book, ideas that intrigued you, etc. **Be sure to include specific textual references. Include page numbers.**
- b. In one well-developed paragraph, cite a memorable passage of no more than thirty words or three sentences from the book. Include page number(s). **Explain why you have chosen this passage from the book.**
- c. In one well-developed paragraph, describe one character or event that you find interesting. **Give at least three examples of textual evidence that supports or generates this impression. Be sure to include the page numbers.**
- d. In one well-developed paragraph, identify what causes a significant change in one character and describe the results of that change. This change may be the consequence of a choice, a conflict of some kind that has to be resolved, a display of some outstanding trait like courage, or even the result of an action or event that occurs during the story. **Be sure to give textual evidence to support your position.**

Assignment Rubric: Each paragraph will be graded on the following:

- Were the directions followed?
- Is the paragraph well-developed?
- Were all parts of the question answered and evidence given to support the answers?
- Were the proper elements of GUM (grammar, usage, mechanics) employed?

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Classic: widely-known works typically written prior to 1950

The Swiss Family Robinson- Johann Wyss
Lord of the Rings- J.R.R. Tolkien
The Hobbit- J.R.R. Tolkien
The Chronicles of Narnia- C.S. Lewis
Little Women- Louisa May Alcott
Little Men- Louisa May Alcott
The Secret Garden- Francis Hodgson Burnett
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea- Jules Verne
Men of Iron- Howard Pyle
Johnny Tremain- Esther Forbes
The Black Arrow- Robert Louis Stevenson
Anne of Green Gables- L. M. Montgomery



Christian Fiction: fiction story by a Christian author written with a biblical viewpoint (includes historical fiction and science fiction)

author Beverly Lewis
author Catherine Farnes
A Father's Promise- Donna Hess
The Traveler's Gift- Andy Andrews
Morgan the Jersey Spy- James Otis
Remember the Alamo- Amelia E. Barr
Titus: Comrade of the Cross- Florence M. Kingsley
The Cloister and the Hearth- Charles Reade
A Sparrow Alone- Alicia Petersen
Avery's Battlefield- Deanna K. Klingel
Avery's Crossroad- Deanna K. Klingel
Beyond the Smoke- Terry W. Burns
Capturing Jasmina- Kimberly Rae
Buying Samir- Kimberly Rae
Camp Sierra Secret- Esther Wilkison
Careful Enough?- Dillon Forbes
Ellenor's Exchange- Linda Hayner
False Coin, True Coin- Lois Hoadley Dick
Gunner's Run- Rick Barry
The Journeyman- Elizabeth Yates
Hue and Cry- Elizabeth Yates
In Search of Honor- Donnalynn Hess
Kiriath's Quest- Rick Barry
Moose- Deb Brammer
Morning Star of the Reformation- Andy Thomson
The Stolen Years- Gloria Repp
Night Flight- Gloria Repp
Out of Darkness- Alicia Petersen
Sound Friendships- Elizabeth Yates
The Choctaw Code- B. Ashabranner and R. G. Davis
The Foundling- Linda Hayner
The Hawk that Dare Not Hunt By Day- Scott O'Dell
The Seventh One- Elizabeth Yates
Wings of Gold- Lance Patterson

Skip a trip to the library!

Many books are available in digital format- your student can purchase and download them to read on his device. Amazon.com and lifeway.com are particularly good resources for both print and digital books.

Also, you can often place a hold on books, and even have them sent to your local library for no charge. The library will notify you when they are ready for pick-up.

Biography: nonfiction account of a person's life

Alfred the Great- Jacob Abbott
Elizabeth I- Jacob Abbott
William the Conqueror- Jacob Abbott
Christopher Columbus- Jacob Abbott
Madame Roland- Jacob Abbott
George Washington-William Thayer
Abraham Lincoln-William Thayer
Benjamin Franklin-William Thayer
Booker T. Washington-William Thayer
James A. Garfield: The Preacher President-William Thayer
Great Adventurers of the Twentieth Century- Ron Tagliapietra

Christian Biography: nonfiction account of the life of a Christian servant

The Hiding Place- Corrie Ten Boom
Bruchko- Bruce Olson
God's Smuggler- Brother Andrew
Kisses from Katie- Katie Davis
Through Gates of Splendor- Elisabeth Elliot
Gladys Aylward- Catherine Swift
George Muller: Man of Faith and Miracles- Basil Miller
David Livingstone- Basil Mathews
Through Flood and Flame- Henry Charles Moore
Alexander Mackay: God's Engineer- Sophia L. Fahs
Edward VI: The British Josiah- N.A. Woychuk
Adoniram Judson: God's Pioneer- J. Mervin Hull
Children of the Storm- Natasha Vins
Nothing Daunted: The Story of Isobel Kuhn- Gloria Repp

Information: nonfiction such as how-to, encyclopedias, and Bible studies, etc.

Music Matters- Cary Schmidt
I.D.: Who Am I in Christ?- Natalie Durso
No Matter What: You Can Rejoice- Michelle Grover
The Man You Could Be- Paul W. Downey
The Seven Wonders of the World- Ron Tagliapietra
What's Stopping You- Nathan Thomas
Different By Design- Cary Schmidt
A Young Woman After God's Own Heart- Elizabeth George
So Much More- Anna Sophia and Elizabeth Botkin

