

Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading Project

Faith Christian School

Step 1: Choose ONE Book

- You may choose any book you would like
- The book you choose must be Fiction
- It must be within your reading level; you may go up 1 grade reading level or down 1 grade reading level
- It must be appropriate for FCS (Christian School)

Suggestions:

Amari and the Night Brothers– B.B. Alston (Fantasy)

Ground Zero– Alan Gratz (Historical Fiction)

Enola Holmes: The Case of the Missing Marquess– Nancy Springer (Mystery)

Northwind– Gary Paulsen (Survival)

Step 2: Summer Reading Challenge (Complete ANY 3)

Choose 3 activities to complete while reading:

- **Write a journal entry as the main character**-- include important events from the story, describe thoughts, feelings, and reactions, write in the first person ("I"), 1 page in length
- **Draw your favorite scene**- include color and details from the story, add labels or captions to explain what is happening, on the back, write a short paragraph explaining why you chose this scene
- **Create a text conversation between characters**- show their personalities through their messages, include 10-15 messages total, make sure the conversation connects to events in the book, you may format it like a phone screen or chat app
- **Write a prayer for the main character**- include specific struggles or situations from the book, show understanding of what the character needs, write in a respectful and thoughtful tone, at least 1-2 paragraphs
- **Describe a lesson the character learns**- identify the lesson clearly, give examples from the book to show this lesson, explain how it changes the character, 2 paragraphs
- **Record yourself talking about the book (1-2 min)**- summarize the book, share your favorite part of the book and why, explain what you learned from the story, speak clearly for 1-2 minutes, include a written script

Step 3: Final Project (Choose ONE)

- **Create a poster or drawing showing the story**- include key characters, settings, and events, use color, symbols, and visuals that match the story, make it neat, creative, and easy to understand, add a title, and at least 3 labels or captions explaining parts of your poster
- **Write a new ending**- keep it consistent with characters and story, change what happens after the original ending, make sure your ending makes sense with the rest of the book, 1-2 pages in length
- **Create a character profile**- include their personality traits, strengths, and struggles, describe their role in the story, include important relationships with other characters, add quotes from the book, you may format this like a "character card" or a written report

Step 4: Faith Connection (Required)

- Include 1 **Bible verse**
- Explain how it connects to the story

Grading Rubric (8th Grade)

Category	4 - Excellent	3 - Good	2 - Needs Effort	1 - Incomplete
Completion	All parts finished	Most finished	Some missing	Very incomplete
Creativity	Very creative & thoughtful	Some creativity	Minimal effort	Little effort
Understanding	Shows strong understanding of story elements (characters, setting, plot, themes)	Good understanding of story elements (characters, setting, plot, themes)	Some confusion on story elements (characters, setting, plot, themes)	Limited understanding of story elements (characters, setting, plot, themes)
Faith Connection	Clear & meaningful	Clear	Basic	Missing/unclear