

Dear Parents and Students,

The following is the 2011 Summer Reading requirements for students in grades 11 & 12. Students in grades 11 & 12 will read 2 books, the **required book**, as well as **one book of their choice from the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Book List**. After reading each book in its entirety, the student must complete a typed book report for each book. *The book report guidelines are below and must be followed precisely.* Both reports must be turned in to the English teacher on the first day of school. Each book report will be graded as a test grade. Grades will be given for book reports during the first quarter.

We appreciate your continued support and cooperation with the Summer Reading requirements. We pray that you will be blessed with a happy and safe summer!

### **Grades 11 & 12 Book Report Guidelines**

*Each Book Report must be 2-3 typed pages in length.*

- I. Introduction Paragraph:** This should include the title of the book (underlined), the author's name, the type of book and a brief introduction to the book in general so as to grip the reader's attention.
- II. Body:** You have to explain what the book is about and then write your opinion about the book and how successful it is. Explain the author's purpose on the main themes of the book. **DO NOT WRITE IN THE FIRST PERSON.**

*For Fiction:* Briefly describe the setting, the point of view and the main characters of the story. If there is a specific mood or tone to the story then discuss that as well. Give a plot summary along with a sequence of events that lead to the climax and resolution. Mention the author's use of literary techniques such as irony, imagery, foreshadowing, symbolism, etc.

*For Non Fiction:* Give a general overview of the author's topic, main points and arguments. Write what the book is focusing on and the important conclusion.

- III. Analysis and Evaluation:** Analyze and critique (review and evaluate) the book. Consider the following questions that will help in doing this:

*For Fiction:*

1. Did the author achieve his or her purpose?
2. Is the writing effective, powerful, difficult, beautiful, and gripping?

3. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the book? (Style of writing, clear or confusing, order of events, depiction of characters, etc.)

*For Non Fiction:*

1. What are the author's qualifications to write about the subject?
2. Do you agree with the author's arguments and conclusions?
3. Your overall response to the book (do not write in first person). Did you find the book interesting, moving, dull...?
4. Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?

**IV. Conclusion:** Briefly conclude by wrapping up your thoughts together. You may say what an impression the book left with you, or emphasize what you want your reader to know about it.

## **SUMMER READING LIST - 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**REQUIRED TITLE:** *The Iliad*

**AUTHOR:** *Homer*

CHOOSE ONE ADDITIONAL BOOK TO READ FROM THIS LIST:

*\*Only choose a book that you have not previously read. You may not choose a book from any other list.*

End of the Spear- by Steve Saint

Run Baby Run by Nicky Cruz

Wuthering Heights by Emily Jane Bronte

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Through Flood and Flame by Henry Charles Moore

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

The Iliad- by Homer

The Awakening- by Angela Elwell Hunt

He Chose You- by Max Lucado

The Story of My Life- by Helen Keller

The Chosen- by Chaim Potok

Treasure Island- by Robert Louis Stevenson

Walden- by Henry David Thoreau

Oliver Twist- by Charles Dickens

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck.

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

Watership Down by Richard Adams

The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave written by himself

God's Smuggler- by Brother Andrew

The Count of Monte Cristo- by Alexander Dumas

The Diary of A Young Girl - by Anne Frank

Six Hours One Friday- by Max Lucado

The Hunchback of Notre Dame- by Victor Hugo

Next Door Savior- by Max Lucado

Moby Dick- by Herman Melville

Gulliver's Travels- by Jonathan Swift

The Swiss Family Robinson- by Johann David Wyss

Please note that effort was taken to select a large variety of books for our summer reading list including classics, biographies of inspirational Christians, and books by well known Christian authors. We encourage parents to be involved in their child's selection of their summer reading books and although these books have been recommended to be summer reading books by colleges and other Christian schools, we realize that not all the books on the list may be deemed appropriate by all families.