



FAITH CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

EIGHTH GRADE SUMMER READING 2024

Complete the following two assignments to turn in on the first day of school.

1. Each student will read *Augustine Came to Kent* by Barbara Willard (ISBN 978-1883937218). The class will discuss this book in preparation for studying medieval literature. Please compose a 5-paragraph essay, to be handed in the first day of class, with the following structure:

Suggested Format:

- An introduction paragraph that includes the title, author, and summary of the plot.
- Three body paragraphs (1 descriptive paragraph for each of the three main characters)
- A conclusion paragraph summarizing what can be applied to your life or faith.
- Make sure to include in-text MLA citations for specific quotes in your essay. A sample in-text citation is (Willard 23).

The paper must be typed with standard MLA formatting, at least 2-3 pages in length.

2. Each student will also read **one book chosen from the Grades 8-9 Reading List** (attached at the end of this document). Summarize the book's plot, main characters, and themes in 3-5 paragraphs. Be sure to name the book and the author in the first sentence.

The paper must be typed with standard MLA formatting and be at least 1.5 pages long.

Suggested Format:

- An introduction paragraph summarizing the plot of the book.
- One paragraph summarizing the main characters.
- One paragraph summarizing the main themes observed in the book.

- A conclusion paragraph summarizing what can be applied to your life or faith.
- Make sure to include in-text MLA citations for specific quotes in your essay. A sample in-text citation is (Willard 23).

Students should affirm the integrity of their work by writing the following pledge on each assignment and signing it:

I have read this whole book, and all written work is my own.

Grades 8-9 Summer Reading Lists

Fiction

Author	Title
Alcott	<i>Little Women</i>
Anderson	<i>Fever</i>
Christie	<i>And Then There Were None</i>
Crane	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>
Dumas	<i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i>
Engel	<i>Peace Like a River</i>
Green	<i>Robin Hood</i>
Hesse	<i>Out of the Dust</i>
Orczy	<i>The Scarlett Pimpernel</i>
Green	<i>Robin Hood</i>
Verne	<i>Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea</i>
White	<i>The Once and Future King</i>

Grades 8-9 Summer Reading Lists

Non-Fiction

Author	Title
Armstrong	<i>Photo by Brady: A Picture of the Civil War</i>
Frank	<i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i>
Houston	<i>Farewell to Manzanar</i>
Jiang	<i>Red Scarf Girl</i>
O'Reilley	<i>Lincoln's Last Days: The Shocking Assassination That Changed America Forever</i>
