

Trinity Christian School

Entering 8th Grade 2022 Summer Reading List

Required Reading: *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

Please choose 3 from the following list:

<i>The Hobbit</i> (Upper Grade Level)	J.R.R. Tolkien
<i>The Book Thief</i> (Upper Grade Level)	Markus Zusak
<i>The Inheritance Cycle Series</i> (Upper Grade Level) (see note below)	Christopher Paolini
<i>Till We Have Faces</i> (Upper Grade Level)	C.S. Lewis
<i>Homecoming</i>	Cynthia Voigt
<i>The Crossover</i>	Kwame Alexander
<i>Refugee</i>	Alan Gratz
<i>The Worst Class Trip Ever</i>	Dave Barry
<i>Stargirl</i>	Jerry Spinelli
<i>A Monster Calls</i>	Patrick Ness
<i>Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom</i>	Lynda Blackmon Lowery

****You will be reading a total of 4 books.**

NOTE: If a student is already in the middle of one of the listed book series, they may read the book they are currently reading in the series instead of starting the whole series over again. If a student would like to read one of the book series and they have not read any book from it yet, they should start with the first book in the series. Only **ONE** book from the series will count toward the summer reading; students cannot read every book in the series for their entire summer reading.

Middle School Summer Reading Project

All work will be due **Monday, August 15, 2022**. Do **NOT** print out your responses and bring them to class with you on the first day of school. You will be given instructions on how to submit your assignment on the first day. All reading responses must be typed in **Times New Roman size 12 font and double spaced**.

Reading Responses:

1) **For the ONE assigned book for your grade level**, write an essay response **identifying at least 3 themes of the book**. Remember: a theme is a topic that is addressed in the book (such as family, friendship, love, overcoming obstacles, etc.) **and** what the author is trying to say about that topic (for example: the author communicates that it's important for families to stick together no matter what).

Each theme should have at least **one major detail from the story** showing how that theme is present in the book. Essays must be at least **500 words**. Make sure it is in proper essay form, including the use of indents, transitions, and complete sentences.

2) **For the other three books**, you will answer the following questions specific to your book.

Please answer them in COMPLETE sentences. One/two word answers or answers that start with "because," "that," or "to" are NOT complete sentences!

1. What is the setting of the book?
2. Who is/are the main character(s)?
3. What is the main conflict of the book?
4. What is the main goal of the main character(s)?
5. Does/do the main character(s) accomplish this goal by the end of the book?

6. Describe the author's writing style in at least 3 sentences. For example: Do they use humor to convey the story or is it more serious? Do they write long descriptions or is there more dialogue? Do they use a lot of figurative language or is it more literal and to the point? Think of other ways your author's style is shown in their writing.
7. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not? Answer in at least 3 sentences.