

Middle School Summer Reading List 2022

All summer reading assignments will be due on Aug. 18th, the first day of school (unless otherwise noted). Students should be prepared to participate in a class discussion and analysis of the text.

Grade 7 English:

Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen

Assignment:

Type a 4-paragraph ORIGINAL (not copied from the internet) essay on the book, using the following format: Font – Times New Roman, Font Size – 14 pt., Margins – 1 in. Use correct punctuation, grammar, spelling and capitalization. Make sure to put your name (first and last) at the top of your paper!

Paragraphs are to be at least six sentences each. Their structure is as follows:

Paragraph One: Introduce the book and author. As well, discuss the setting and characters

Paragraph Two: Address the plot of the book. What was the conflict (what was the main character's problem)? What are some of the main events? Identify the climax (most important event) of the story.

Paragraph Three: Provide the theme of the book. Theme is stated as a complete sentence, and it tells the lesson that you took away from the book. Is a biblical worldview reflected in the theme? Why or Why not? Include a story / character or scripture passage from the Bible to support your opinion.

Paragraph Four: What are your final thoughts on the book? Did you like or dislike how it ended? Overall, did you like or dislike the book? Why or Why not? Give several reasons.

Grade 8 English:

Paperboy by Vince Vawter

Assignment:

Type a 5-paragraph ORIGINAL (not copied from the internet) essay on the book, using the following format: Font – Times New Roman, Font Size – 14 pt., Margins – 1 in. Use correct punctuation, grammar, spelling and capitalization. Make sure to put your name (first and last) at the top of your paper!

Paragraphs are to be at least six sentences each. Their structure is as follows:

Paragraph One: Introduce the book and author. As well, discuss the setting and characters (when does this take place and where?) Is the setting important to your understanding of the story?

Paragraph Two: Tell about the main character, who were they? What was the conflict (the main character's problem)? What did the character want and who / what stood in their way? What are some of the main events?

Paragraph Three: What was the climax (most important event of the story)? After this climax, what is the falling action (how the story is resolved)?

Paragraph Four: Provide the theme of the book. Theme is stated as a complete sentence, and it tells the lesson that you took away from the book. Did the main character learn and grow from their experience? Is a biblical worldview reflected in the theme? Why or Why not? Include a story / character or scripture passage from the Bible to support your opinion.

Paragraph Five: What are your final thoughts on the book? Did you like or dislike how it ended? Overall, did you like or dislike the book? Why or Why not? Give several reasons.