



Upper School Summer Learning

Entering 9th - 12th Grade

Summer reading for high school students is an excellent way to foster a love for literature while keeping minds engaged and active during the break. Whether it's diving into captivating novels, exploring the pages of thrilling mysteries, or delving into imaginative fantasies, summer reading offers an opportunity for students to expand their horizons and develop crucial reading skills.

Summer Reading Projects

1. Bible – Psalms and Proverbs Family Bible Reading Plan

- Families are encouraged to spend time together reading God's Word.
- A family reading plan is attached that focuses on two books of the Bible - Psalms and Proverbs.

2. English

- Choose **two books** that meet the following criteria:
 - a. **Fiction (150+ pages):** Explore a new world through a novel (graphic novels are prohibited).
 - Check out the "Booklist for Grades 9-12" on Christianbook.com (excluding titles mentioned above).
<https://www.christianbook.com/page/homeschool/literature/childrens-classic-literature/literature-grades-9-12>
 - b. **Nonfiction (100+ pages, text-based):** Learn something new! Choose a biography, self-help book, current events book, or Christian living book.
 - Explore works by Malcolm Gladwell, Mitch Albom, C.S. Lewis, etc.
 - c. **Important Note:** Several titles are unavailable for this assignment since we will be reading/have read them in class. These include:
 - Animal Farm
 - The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
 - The Lord of the Flies
 - The Great Gatsby
 - To Kill a Mockingbird
 - Night
 - The Scarlet Letter
 - Romeo and Juliet
 - Pride and Prejudice

- **Analyze Your Reads (both books required):**
 - a. **Fiction:** List the letters A-Z on a piece of paper. For each letter, write a sentence summarizing the book or reflecting on your reading experience.
 - b. **Non-Fiction:** Write a one-page typed letter explaining what you learned and why someone should or shouldn't read the book.

- **Due Date: Assignments are due the first day of school - August 26, 2024.**
- Assignments will count as an English test grade.

Free Resources:

Save money! Utilize your local library or explore free online resources like Project Gutenberg.