



Upper School Summer Learning Entering 9th - 12th Grade

Summer learning for high school students is an excellent way to foster a love for God's Word and literature while keeping minds engaged and active during the break. Whether it's starting a new Bible study, diving into captivating novels, or delving into imaginative fantasies, summer learning offers an opportunity for students to expand their horizons and develop crucial reading skills.

Summer Learning Projects

1. Bible – The Beatitudes Bible Study

- Students are encouraged to spend time reading and studying God's Word.
- A student Bible study is available on RightNow Media titled "[The Beatitudes](#)", exploring what it truly means to live a "blessed" life according to Jesus's teaching in Matthew 5.
- Throughout this study, students will discover that the life God calls us to is often different from what the world values, yet it is far greater and more meaningful than we could imagine. As students learn about humility, mercy, righteousness, peace, and faithfulness, our prayer is that they will grow closer to Christ and develop a deeper understanding of what it means to live as part of God's kingdom.
- A Study Guide is also available to download on the website to help students as they complete this study.

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.
- **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 or type the letters A-Z on 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 31, 2026.**
- Assignments will count as an English test grade.

Free Resources:

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