

TRINITY

8th Grade Advanced and Honors **Summer Reading List 2023-2024**

All 8th grade students at Trinity Christian Academy are expected to complete the summer reading assignments. Reading over the summer will help each student improve vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills which will enhance all studies so that students will experience academic success. The summer reading/writing assignments for all students will be due as follows:

- **Objective quiz over the required book will be on Wednesday, August 16, 2023.**
- **The writing assignment (daily grade) based on the chosen book will be due on Wednesday, August 23, 2023**
- **The honors component (daily grade) will also be due on Wednesday, August 23, 2023.**

Students will be expected to turn in the written work as a hard copy **AND** upload the assignment(s) to turnitin.com (instructions for uploading the assignment(s) will be provided the first week of school, so please save your work on a memory stick until then).

PLEASE NOTE: All students must read both the required book AND one chosen book.

If the student is enrolled in 8th grade Advanced English, please complete sections I, II, and III.

If the student is enrolled in 8th grade Honors English, please complete sections I, II, III, and IV.

I 8th Grade English Required Book (An objective quiz will be given on this book on Wednesday, August 16, 2023)

The River - by Gary Paulsen

II 8th Grade English Chosen book - Please choose one: (A writing assignment will be completed on the chosen book to be turned in on Wednesday, August 23, 2023)

1. *Julie of the Wolves* - by Jean Craighead George
2. *Refugee* - by Alan Gratz
3. *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* - by John Boyne

III Writing Assignment (daily grade based on the chosen book from the list above. This assignment is due on Wednesday, August 23, 2023)

Directions: Please answer each of the following questions in paragraph form (each answer must be four sentences in length - topic sentence, example, explanation, and concluding sentence). The answers to the questions should give your insight into the chosen book you have read.

1. Name one character from the book, and explain how that character changed from the beginning of the book to the end.
2. Write about one conflict found in this book, and explain how the conflict affects the outcome of the book.
3. Name one instance in the book that would be considered a life lesson, and explain how it affects you or our world today.

IV Honors Component (daily grade based on the required book. This assignment is due on Wednesday, August 23, 2023)

Directions: Identify and explain an overall life lesson in the required book. Use details from the book to support your answer. In other words, you should explain what the life lesson is and give a few examples of how this is shown through the story, characters, or conflict in the book. (2 paragraphs).

PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

- As a Christian, a person may wonder, “Should Christians study the classics of literature?” Christians should be aware that man’s writings reflect his inner thoughts. This can be seen throughout a study of literature and the authors’ lives. If we look at secular literature (classics) through discerning eyes, our own faith and testimony can be strengthened. The selections chosen for the reading list are either classic in nature or carry strong literary merit. Trinity Christian Academy cannot be responsible for all content in every selection.
- Please be advised: copied, summarized, or paraphrased information from an internet source or any other source that is not properly documented is unacceptable. THIS IS PLAGIARISM! The writing portion of the Summer Reading Assignment is meant to be the students’ own thoughts and ideas and should not be researched from any outside source. If the student uses a quote from the book, please be sure to include the quotation marks as well as the page number from the book in which the quote was found.