



Nazarene Christian Academy Middle School Summer Reading Program

Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)

Today a reader, tomorrow a leader. (W Fusselman)

There is no substitute for books in the life of a child. (Mary Ellen Chase)

*A book is a garden, an orchard, a storehouse, a party, a company by the way, a counselor, and a multitude of counselors.
(Henry Ward Beecher)*

Choose **one** book from the attached list that you **HAVE NOT** read.

Important Things to Note:

1. Begin your reading as soon as possible. The longer you wait, the more overwhelming it gets.
2. The ultimate goal of reading in the summer is to get you to enjoy the written word.
3. Submit the **typed paper on the first day of school to your English teacher.**
4. **This report will be a test grade for the first quarter.**

I. Format

- A. Times New Romans
- B. 12 pt. Font
- C. Double spaced
- D. 1-2 pages, **typed**

II. Introduction

- A. This paragraph includes general information, such as the author and the title of the book, as well as the book genre (fiction, biography, historical fiction, etc.)
- B. The introduction should include your thesis statement, which reveals your attitude toward the book and gives the main ideas in your review. The thesis statement also gives your evaluation of the book (favorable or unfavorable) and your reason for giving such an evaluation.

III. Body

- A. The body of the paper is a short, concise summary of the book.
- B. The body of the paper should support the thesis statement.

IV. Conclusion

- A. Restate the thesis statement in the conclusion
- B. The conclusion should sum up your opinion of the book.

V. Grammar and Mechanics

- A. Grammatical errors
- B. Spelling, punctuation, capitalization, etc.

Middle School Summer Reading Book List:

Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt

Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery (any book in the series)

A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus

Bomb by Steve Sheinken

Booked by Kwame Alexander

Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank B and Ernestine Gilbreth

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Hiding in the Light by Rifqa Bary

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Old Yeller by Frank Gipson

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

Souder by William Howard Armstrong

The Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Leyson

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper

The Light in the Forest by Conrad Richter

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

The Only Thing to Fear by Caroline Tung Richmond

The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain

The Red Badge of Courage by Steven Crane

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

The Swiss Family Robinson by Johann David Wyss

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Wonder by R.J. Palacio