

West Side Summer Reading 2024

Summer Reading Requirement (100 pts):

- Each student will keep a journal of one (1) fiction book from the list provided below.
- Must turn in ONE spiral bound notebook or binder. Journals can be typed (preferred) or written. A physical copy of the journal must be turned in.
- A journal entry will be kept for EACH chapter of the required book. Entries MUST include:
 - A list of each character appearing in a chapter.,
 - In only a few words, give basic information about each character
 - On the first line, include the date, pages read, and chapter title (if applicable).
 - Skip one line, then write one 5-7 sentence summary of the chapter read.
 - Give at least 2 additional sentences as a personal reflection about the portion read. How has this portion affected you personally? (Thoughts, feelings, etc)
- At the end of your journal, include a half page paragraph on your overall opinion of the book. Did you enjoy the book? Can you relate to any of the characters? Which is your favorite character? Least favorite? Did you like the plot? Were there holes in the plot? Etc.
- This assignment, along with the completion form attached, will be due the first day of school this fall (August 14) but can be turned in at any time this summer.

Book Options:

7th grade:

The Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff

Or

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

8th grade:

White Fang by Jack London

Or

Out of the Silent Planet by C.S. Lewis

9th grade:

Any of the *Lord of the Rings* Trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkein

Or

Emma by Jane Austen

10th grade:

Pride & Prejudice by Jane Austen

Or

Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

11th grade:

A Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Or

Moby Dick by Herman Melville

12th grade:

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Or

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

West Side Christian School Summer 2023 Reading Assignment Completion Form

Signing this form is an indication of a student's good faith effort to read the text of the assigned books completely rather than in a superficial manner. Reading Cliff Notes, Spark Notes, Pink Monkey, Barron's, etc., and or watching a movie version are NOT substitutes for reading the book. Such activities do not qualify a student as having completed the summer reading requirement nor do they promote the growth in language and imaginative experience that we view as important for our students. Achievement of high scores on the ACT and other standardized tests shows a direct relationship to the amount of time a student spends reading acquiring comprehension skills and vocabulary. The student must read the selected books this summer and not fill out the report based on having read or listened to the book in the past.

Student name: _____ Class: _____

On my honor, I have completely read the complete and unabridged text of the summer reading book listed below.

Student Signature and Date

Title/Date Completed

1. _____

For the parents:

To the best of my knowledge, the information above is correct.

Parent Signature and Date