

Alliance Christian Academy

Middle School Summer Reading Summer 2011

Dear Students and Parents,

I would like to inform you all about this summer's required reading assignments for Alliance Christian Academy's middle school students. I, along with the administration of Alliance Christian Academy, have worked to put together a list of book choices that will allow you to experience classic as well as Christian literature.

Each student in grades 6-8 is required to choose **at least one** book from both the classic and Christian literature lists. While reading, each student is required to maintain a summer reading log. For each chapter of both books, they must write **at least one page**, including the following information:

1. What are the most important ideas or events from the chapter?
2. Why are these ideas or events important?
3. How does this book connect to your own personal life experiences, other things you have read and to Christian life?

Your reading logs must be completed neatly and include all chapters of the book. Students are required to **handwrite** their logs, using **blue or black ink only**. Please write them clean, ruled notebook paper and place them in a three-ring binder. Please include a title/cover page that has your name, your grade level, and the date you completed them, as well as the title and author of the book you chose. You are welcome to use the same binder for both of your required book logs as long as you separate each one with a different title/cover page sheet.

Your two required reading assignments will each be worth **one test grade**. You are also more than welcome to complete additional readings to earn an extra quiz grade for each book you read. All summer reading is due to me on the first day of school, August 29, 2011. Points will be deducted from your grade if your log is not completed according to the requirements, and if turned in late, each log will receive a deduction of 10 points for each day it is late.

Attached to this letter, you will find the book lists. An "Honor Statement" is on the reverse side of this letter. Please sign and date the honor statement and put it in front of your log. This is to receive a grade for your reading logs. I am prayerful that you will enjoy and learn from your summer reading. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at kbarlow@alliancechristianschool.org or contact the front office.

Have a wonderful summer; I look forward to seeing all of you and reading your logs in the fall!

Blessings,

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**Alliance Christian Academy
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Summer 2011**

Classic Literature

Please choose **at least one book from this list**; this is a test grade. You may choose to read additional books in order to receive a quiz grade for each additional book you read. Your choices must come from the list for your grade level.

Grade 6

- Helen Keller, The Story of My Life
- Patricia MacLachlan, Sarah, Plain and Tall
- Eleanor H. Porter, Pollyanna
- L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables
- L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Avonlea
- Louisa May Alcott, Little Women
- Louisa May Alcott, Little Men
- Robert Louis Stevenson, Treasure Island
- Fred Gipson, Old Yeller
- Laura Ingalls Wilder, Little House on the Prairie (any book from the series)

Grade 7

- Marguerite Henry, Misty of Chincoteague
- Jack London, White Fang
- Jack London, The Call of the Wild
- Anne Frank, The Diary of Anne Frank
- Anna Sewell, Black Beauty
- Enid Bagnold, National Velvet
- Kate Douglas Wiggin, Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm
- Frances Hodgson Burnett, The Secret Garden
- Daniel Defoe, Robinson Crusoe
- Johanna Spyri, Heidi

Grade 8

- Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird
- Catherine Marshall, Christy
- Jules Verne, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
- Marjorie Rawlings, The Yearling
- Kenneth Grahame, The Wind in the Willows
- Esther Forbes, Johnny Tremain
- Mary O'Hara, My Friend Flicka
- Stephen Crane, The Red Badge of Courage
- Frederick Douglass, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass
- Arthur Conan Doyle, The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes

***** ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON REVERSE SIDE *****

Christian Literature

Please choose **at least one book** from this list; this is a test grade. You may choose to read additional books in order to receive a quiz grade for each additional book you read.

All grades 6-8 are to choose from this list:

- Abby Sunderland, Unsinkable: A Young Woman's Courageous Battle on the High Seas
- Mike & Daniel Blackaby, When Worlds Collide: Stepping Up and Standing Out in an Anti-God Culture
- Elizabeth George, A Girl After God's Own Heart: A Tween Adventure with Jesus
- Kay Arthur, Becoming God's Champion
- C.S. Lewis, The Chronicles of Narnia (any book from the series)
- Wendy Lawton, Daughters of the Faith (any book from the series)
- Paul Hutchens, The Sugar Creek Gang (any book from the series)
- Jerry B. Jenkins & Chris Farby, Red Rock Mysteries (any book from the series)
- Dandi Daley Mackall, Winnie the Horse Gentler (any book from the series)
- Dandi Daley Mackall, Starlight Animal Rescue (any book from the series)

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Honor Statement

I, _____, promise that the work I am submitting is my own work. I promise that I read the required books I selected and that I wrote my own reading logs.

Student name printed: _____

Student signature: _____

Date: _____