

May 25, 2018

Dear Parents:

Lafayette Christian Academy would like to remind all students in Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> of The required summer reading that is to be completed by the first day of school, August 20, 2018. Studies have shown that children who continue to read during the summer perform better in the fall when school resumes. Summer reading programs make educational reading activities fun and appealing to young people. When children read what they enjoy, they learn to love reading and become better readers.

Attached, you will find the reading program guidelines and the books your child can choose from for their appropriate grade level. These books can be found at the Lafayette Public Library. You can also purchase them from many bookstores in the Lafayette area or online. Follow the guidelines and when school resumes, your child will receive 2 grades for the Summer Reading Program. Each student must have the "completed reading list" signed and returned during the first week of school.

If you have any questions, you can visit our website at [www.lafayettechristianacademy.com](http://www.lafayettechristianacademy.com) or call the school office at 234-9860.

Thank you for your support and participation in Lafayette Christian Academy's Summer Reading Program.

God Bless You,

Mr. Broussard, Elementary Principal  
Mrs. Babin, High School Principal  
Mr. Norris, Superintendent

# Summer Reading Program

## Completed Reading List

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has read both books listed in their entirety and is ready to take the comprehensive tests that will be given during the first week of school.

Books Read:

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Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Program

To complete the summer reading program, sixth graders will choose 2 books from the following list to read during the summer. Cliff notes or abbreviated versions of the book are not acceptable and will not provide the information that is needed.

### Grading Criteria:

A comprehensive test will be taken during the first 2 weeks of school for both books.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List

*A Little Princess* by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
ISBN 0064401871

*The Million Dollar Kick* by Dan Gutman  
ISBN 0786815841

*The Boy Who Saved Baseball* by John H. Ritter  
ISBN 0142402869

*Cassie: The Girl with the Hero's Heart* by Myrtle Long Haldeman  
ISBN 082801096X

*Dead End Vol. 15* by Jerry B. Jenkins, Chris Fabry  
ISBN 1414301545

The books may be checked out of the Lafayette Public Library or purchased from a bookstore. LCA is not responsible for providing the reading material.

In our constant effort to improve education and reading at LCA, we will continue our summer reading program. It is vital that you, as parents and students, know that we select books based on research of other top schools, college reading requirements, and classic books or authors who are often referenced in secondary schools or society. The views expressed here are solely those of the author and do not reflect the opinions of Lafayette Christian Academy.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Program

To complete the summer reading program, seventh graders will choose 2 books from the following list to read during the summer. Cliff notes or abbreviated versions of the book are not acceptable and will not provide the information that is needed.

### Grading Criteria:

A comprehensive test will be taken during the first 2 weeks of school for both books.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List

*The Summer of the Swans* by Betsy Byars  
ISBN 0140314202

*Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery  
ISBN 0694012513

*The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom  
ISBN 0553256696

*Flames of the Tiger* by John Wilson  
ISBN 1553376196

*Heidi* by Johanna Spyri  
ISBN 0140366792

*The Silent Boy* by Lois Lowry  
ISBN 0440419808

*Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm* by Kate Douglas Wiggin  
ISBN 0694015288

*Ivan and the Daring Escape* by Myrna Grant  
ISBN 1845501322

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Program

To complete the summer reading program, eighth graders will choose 2 books from the following list to read during the summer. Cliff notes or abbreviated versions of the book are not acceptable and will not provide the information that is needed.

### Grading Criteria:

A comprehensive test will be taken during the first 2 weeks of school for both books.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List

*Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam* by Cynthia Kadohata  
ISBN 141690638X

*The Last Place I Want to Be* by Paul Buchanan  
ISBN 0825424089

*Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson  
ISBN 0553212605

*Born to Fly: The Heroic Story of Downed U.S. Navy Pilot Lt. Shane Osborn*  
by Shane Osborn with Malcolm McConnell  
ISBN 0440237963

*The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame  
ISBN 1402725051

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain  
ISBN 0439099404

*Taking Liberty* by Ann Rinaldi  
ISBN 068985188X

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# HIGH SCHOOL Summer Reading Program

To complete the summer reading program, all high school students will read 2 books. One of the books is a mandatory classic and one is a book of choice from the appropriate grade level book list. Cliff notes or abbreviated versions of the book are not acceptable and will not provide the information that is needed. The books may be checked out of the Lafayette Public Library or purchased from a bookstore. LCA is not responsible for providing the reading material.

**Grading Criteria: The student will take a comprehensive test on both books during the first week of school.**

**9<sup>th</sup> GRADE: Mandatory Classic**

*The Hound of Baskerville* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

ISBN 0451528018

**10<sup>th</sup> GRADE: Mandatory Classic**

*Animal Farm* by George Orwell

ISBN 0451526341

**11<sup>th</sup> GRADE: Mandatory Classic**

*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephan Crane

ISBN 978-1508482765

**12<sup>th</sup> GRADE: Mandatory Classic**

*King Lear*

ISBN 978-0-7434-8276-9

**9<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOOK OF CHOICE:**

*Edge of Apocalypse* by Tim Lahaye/Craig Parshall

ISBN 0310326281

*The Heart Mender* by Andy Andrews

ISBN 0785231035

*The Last Thing I Remember* by Andrew Klavan

ISBN 1595546073

**10<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOOK OF CHOICE:**

*Thunder of Heaven* by Tim Lahaye/Craig Parshall

ISBN 0310326370

*Eyes Wide Open* by Ted Dekker

ISBN 1617952737

*Unlocked* by Karen Kingsbury

ISBN 978-0-310-26695-2

**11<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOOK OF CHOICE:**

*Brink of Chaos* by Tim Lahaye/Craig Parsall

ISBN 9780310326465

*Coming Home* by Karen Kingsbury

ISBN 978-0-310-26624-2

*Rooms* by James L. Rubart

ISBN 0805448888

**12<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOOK OF CHOICE:**

*Mark of Evil* by Tim Lahaye/Craig Parsall

ISBN 9780310334545

*Fifteen Minutes* by Karen Kingsbury

ISBN 13 9781451647051

*The Noticer* by Andy Andrews

ISBN 078523232X

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## **HONORS CLASSES ONLY**

### Requirements for Character Analysis

In addition to testing on both books, honors classes will be required to write a character analysis of one character from one of their novels.

All papers must be typed using MLA format. This paper will be due the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of school. Each day that the paper is late will result in a loss of points from your total grade. An MLA format is included in this packet.

Opening paragraph: Give a brief introduction to the novel and the character. Include a thesis that describes the character you are going to discuss.

First body paragraph: Describe how the character appears to be at the beginning of the novel. This means to discuss their character traits and the kind of person they are at the beginning, not their physical appearance.

Second body paragraph: Discuss the character in the middle of the novel, and include any changes the character is going through. Be sure to include any force that caused the change.

Third body paragraph: Describe the character as he/she is at the end of the novel. How has he/she changed, and what caused it? Was it a good or bad change? Why? Be sure in ALL THREE body paragraphs to include textual evidence from the novel to support your claims.

Concluding paragraph: End with a concluding paragraph that either summarizes your introduction or teaches a lesson to the reader that can be learned through that character. Be sure to use third person.

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