

Liberty Christian's 2011 Required Summer Reading Program **for Junior High and High School**

In this era of high stakes testing, we want to provide our students with as many opportunities as possible to grow academically. Reading for understanding and appreciation is a skill, which translates effectively into every academic area. The purpose of the required summer reading program is to provide students with the opportunity to read a work which is of interest to them or to read a time-honored classic. We hope to encourage reading for pleasure as well as reading for enlightenment. Please see below for each grade's specific required summer reading instructions.

6th Grade Summer Reading

*Every incoming 6th grader is required to read one book this summer.

*The book is **The Cay by Theodore Taylor**. Students are to carefully read through this book and have it finished before the start of the new school year. For students who prefer to have a study guide to assist with comprehension, a study guide is offered. The study guide is completely optional and will never be turned in or graded. Once the student has finished reading the book they will then complete a project which will show their understanding of the book. There is a list of 12 project choices from which the student can choose. **The project will be due on Tuesday, September 6th.**

*The study guide and the project list can be found and printed from the Junior High Academics Page of Liberty's website (<http://libertychristian.org/555182.ihtml>). If you have any questions concerning the required junior high school summer reading program please contact your child's English teacher for the fall - Stacy Wilkerson (swilkerson@libertychristian.org).

7th Grade Summer Reading

*Every incoming 7th grader is required to read one book this summer.

*The book is **Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman**. Students are to carefully read through this book and have it finished before the start of the new school year. For students who prefer to have a study guide to assist with comprehension, a study guide is offered. The study guide is completely optional and will never be turned in or graded. Once the student has finished reading the book they will then complete a project which will show their understanding of the book. There is a list of 12 project choices from which the student can choose. **The project will be due on Tuesday, September 6th.**

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8th Grade Summer Reading

Every incoming 8th grader is required to read one book this summer.

*The book is **Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston**. Students are to carefully read through this book and have it finished before the start of the new school year. For students who prefer to have a study guide to assist with comprehension, a study guide is offered. The study guide is completely optional and will never be turned in or graded. Once the student has finished reading the book they will then complete a project

which will show their understanding of the book. There is a list of 12 project choices from which the student can choose. **The project will be due on Tuesday, September 6th.**

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9th Grade Summer Reading

Every incoming 9th grader is required to read two books this summer.

*The first book is **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor**. After the book is read students are required to fill out 3 journals about the literary elements within the book. The 3 journals are due on **Tuesday, September 6th**. To ensure that careful reading is done there will additionally be a 50 question multiple choice test on this book on **Tuesday, September 6th**. For students who prefer to have a study guide to assist with comprehension or to study from for the test, a study guide is offered. The study guide is completely optional and will never be turned in or graded.

*The second book can be any book of interest which has never been read by the student before. This book needs to be both age and content level appropriate. Once the student has finished reading their book of choice they will then complete a project which will show their understanding of the book. There is a list of 12 project choices from which the student can choose. **The project will be due on Tuesday, September 6th.**

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10th Grade Summer Reading

*Every incoming 10th grader is required to read two books this summer.

*The first book is **The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson**. After the book is read students are required to fill out 3 journals about the literary elements within the book. The 3 journals are due on **Tuesday, September 6th**. To ensure that careful reading is done there will additionally be a 50 question multiple choice test on this book on **Tuesday, September 6th**. For students who prefer to have a study guide to assist with comprehension or to study from for the test, a study guide is offered. The study guide is completely optional and will never be turned in or graded.

*The second book can be any book of interest which has never been read by the student before. This book needs to be both age and content level appropriate. Once the student has finished reading their book of choice they will then complete a project which will show their understanding of the book. There is a list of 12 project choices from which the student can choose. **The project will be due on Tuesday, September 6th.**

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11th Grade Summer Reading

*Every incoming 11th grader is required to read two books this summer.

*The first book is **The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne**. After the book is read students are required to fill out 3 journals about the literary elements within the book. The 3 journals are due on **Tuesday, September 6th**. To ensure that careful reading is done there will additionally be a 50 question multiple choice test on this book on **Tuesday, September 6th**. For students who prefer to have a study guide to assist with comprehension or to study from for the test, a study guide is offered. The study guide is completely optional and will never be turned in or graded.

*The second book can be any book of interest which has never been read by the student before. This book needs to be both age and content level appropriate. Once the student has finished reading their book of choice they will then complete a project which will show their understanding of the book. There is a list of 12 project choices from which the student can choose. **The project will be due on Tuesday, September 6th**.

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Honors 11th Grade Summer Reading

*Every incoming Honors 11th grader is required to read three books this summer.

*The first book is **Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain**. After the book is read students are required to fill out 3 journals about the literary elements within the book. The 3 journals are due on **Tuesday, September 6th**. To ensure that careful reading is done there will additionally be a 50 question multiple choice test on this book on **Tuesday, September 6th**. For students who prefer to have a study guide to assist with comprehension or to study from for the test, a study guide is offered. The study guide is completely optional and will never be turned in or graded.

*The second book is **How to Read a Book by Mortimer J Adler**. To ensure that careful reading is done there will be an in-class essay response based off a prompt related to the book on **Tuesday, September 6th**.

*The third book can be any book of interest which has never been read by the student before. This book needs to be both age and content level appropriate. Once the student has finished reading their book of choice they will then complete a project which will show their understanding of the book. There is a list of 12 project choices from which the student can choose. **The project will be due on Tuesday, September 6th**.

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12th Grade Summer Reading

*Every incoming 12th grader is required to read two books this summer.

*The first book is **Lord of the Flies by William Golding**. After the book is read students are required to fill out 3 journals about the literary elements within the book. The 3 journals are due on **Tuesday, September 6th**. To ensure that careful reading is done there will additionally be a 50 question multiple choice test on this book on **Tuesday, September 6th**. For students who prefer to have a study guide to assist with comprehension or to study from for the test, a study guide is offered. The study guide is completely optional and will never be turned in or graded.

*The second book can be any book of interest which has never been read by the student before. This book needs to be both age and content level appropriate. Once the student has finished reading their book of choice they will then complete a project which will show their understanding of the book. There is a list of 12 project choices from which the student can choose. **The project will be due on Tuesday, September 6th**.

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AP 12th Grade Summer Reading

*Every incoming AP 12th grader is required to read three books this summer.

*The first book is **Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte**. After the book is read students are required to fill out 3 journals about the literary elements within the book. The 3 journals are due on **Tuesday, September 6th**. To ensure that careful reading is done there will additionally be a 50 question multiple choice test on this book on **Tuesday, September 6th**. For students who prefer to have a study guide to assist with comprehension or to study from for the test, a study guide is offered. The study guide is completely optional and will never be turned in or graded.

*The second book is Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer. To ensure that careful reading is done there will be an in-class essay response based off a prompt related to the book on **Tuesday, September 6th**.

*The third book can be any book which has never been read before that is of interest to the student. This book needs to be both age and content level appropriate. Once the student has finished reading their book of choice they are being asked to then complete a project which will show their understanding of the book. There is a list of 12 project choices which the student can choose from. **The project will be due on Tuesday, September 6th**.

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English teachers at the junior high and high school levels will direct students to all summer reading documents at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. By June 1st all summer reading documents and information will also be available on the high school or junior high school Academics pages of Liberty Christian's website. We wish you and your child a summer of pleasant and profitable reading.

Sincerely, The Liberty Christian English Department (714)842-5992