

ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLASS BOOK LISTS

The following list is upcoming required reading for each class.

6th Grade Summer Reading List:

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- ✓ Students must read two (2) novels.
- ✓ One (1) novel needs to be from the Language Arts section and the other from History, Science or Religion.
- ✓ A story reflection form (attached) needs to be filled out and done for both books and turned into your Literature teacher the first day of school.

Language Arts

<i>Call it Courage</i> By Armstrong Sperry	(6.2) 3pts.
<i>Johnny Tremaine</i> By Ester Forbes	(5.9) 13pts.
<i>Mary Poppins</i> By P.L. Travers	(6.1) 6pts.
<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i> By Ernest Hemmingway	(5.1) 4pts.

History

<i>Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad</i> By Rosemary Sutcliffe	(6.8) 5pts.
<i>Gilgamesh the Hero</i> By Geraldine McCaughrean	(5.1) 3pts.

Science

<i>Deadly Waters</i> By Gloris Skurzynski	(5.4) 5pts.
<i>Flush</i> By Carl Hiassin	(5.0) 9pts.
<i>Life as We Knew it</i> By Susan Beth Pfeffer	(4.7) 14pts.

Religion

<i>The Bronze Bow</i> By Elizabeth George Speare	(5.0) 10pts.
<i>Lilies of the Field</i> By William Barrett	(5.4) 3pts.
<i>The Little Prince</i> By Antoine de Saint-Exupery	(5.0) 2pts.

Name _____ Date _____

Novel Reflection #1 You may write (in cursive and blue ink) or type your responses.

Novel _____

Author _____

Who was your favorite main character in this story? What are the actions and personality traits of the character that you found to be most likable or appealing?

2. What is the author's purpose for the story (to persuade, inform or entertain you)? How do you know this?

3. Is there an idea or message (theme) embedded within the story that stands out for you? Quote a passage from the book that sticks to memory, and explain why that idea or message impressed you so much.

4. What is the greatest conflict or hardship experienced by your favorite main character? How did his or her hardship affect your emotions while reading the novel? Did you feel anxiousness, sadness, compassion or empathy for the character? Describe the emotion you experienced during this point of the story and explain why you felt this way.

5. Summarize the most important scene, or climax, of the story. How does the climax affect your favorite main character? Does the climax create greater happiness for him or her? Does it allow this character to accomplish his or her goal within the story? Please explain.

6. If you were this favorite character, what would you have done differently to avoid encountering his or her problem? Think about a decision that this character made at some point in the story which you did not quite agree with. How would you have made this decision differently? Explain why.

Comments about the novel or AR test:

Name _____ Date _____

Novel Reflection #2 You may write (in cursive and blue ink) or type your responses.

Novel _____

Author _____

Who was your favorite main character in this story? What are the actions and personality traits of the character that you found to be most likable or appealing?

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3. Is there an idea or message (theme) embedded within the story that stands out for you? Quote a passage from the book that sticks to memory, and explain why that idea or message impressed you so much.

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