

ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLASS BOOK LISTS

The following list is upcoming required reading for each class.

7th Grade Summer Reading List:

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- ✓ Incoming 7th graders need to read two (2) novels.
- ✓ One (1) novel needs to be from the Science or History section and one (1) is free choice.
- ✓ A story reflection form (attached) needs to be filled out and completed for both books and turned into your Literature teacher.
- ✓ Due date determined by Literature teacher. (AR Grade level/points)

History

<i>Lincolns Last Days</i> By Bill O'Reilly	(7.5) 7pts.
<i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i> By Elizabeth George Speare	(5.7) 9 pts.
<i>Sojourner Truth "Ain't I a Woman?"</i> By Patricia McKissack	(7.0) 5pts.
<i>Lyddie</i> By Katherine Paterson	(5.6) 9pts.

Science

<i>Hatchet</i> By Gary Paulsen	(5.7) 7pts.
<i>Swipe</i> By Evan Angler	(4.6) 10pts.
<i>Hoot</i> By Carl Hiaasen	(5.2) 9pts.
<i>Jurassic Park</i> By Michael Crichton	(7.3) 20pts.

Religion

<i>Heaven is for Real</i> By Mitch Albom	(6.3) 6pts.
<i>The First Phone Call from Heaven</i> By Mitch Albom	(4.7) 10pts.
<i>Have a Little Faith</i> by Mitch Album	(4.9) 7pts.
<i>Timekeeper</i> by Mitch Albom	(4.7) 6pts
<i>The Last Light</i> by Terri Blackstock	(4.3) 15pts
<i>Wise Acres: The Seventh Circle of Heck</i> by Dayle E. Basye	(6.3) 14pts

Literature

<i>The Last Unicorn</i> Peter S. Beagle	(6.2) 11pts
<i>Magician's Nephew</i> by C.S. Lewis	(5.4) 6pts
<i>The Phantom Tollbooth.</i> By Norton Juster	(6.7) 7pts
<i>The Pearl</i> by John Steinbeck	(7.1) 4pts

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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