

Lanier Christian Academy Summer Reading Traditional Model Grades 6 - 8

Grades 6-8

Listed below are the titles for summer reading. LCA students read **ONE** Required Reading Title and **ONE** from the Titles of Choice. Tests over the novels are during the first week of school.

REQUIRED READING TITLES:

6th Grade: *Shiloh* (first book in the series) by Phillis Reynolds Naylor

OR

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

7th Grade: *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi

8th Grade: *Little Women* by Louisa Mae Alcott

OR

Swiss Family Robinson by Johann David Wyss

TITLES OF CHOICE: Choose **ONE** from the following list:

6th Grade:			
Armstrong, Williams	<i>Souder</i>		
Banks, Lynne Reid	<i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i>		
Burpo, Todd	<i>Heaven is For Real</i>		
Lewis, C.S.	<i>Any of the Narnia Series</i>		
London, Jack	<i>The Call of the Wild</i>		
London, Jack	<i>White Fang</i>		
Lowry, Lois	<i>Number the Stars</i>		
Lowry, Lois	<i>The Giver</i>		
O'Dell, Scott	<i>Sing Down the Moon</i>		
	Biography (on your reading level)		
7th Grade:			
Collier, James and Christopher	<i>My Brother is Dead</i>		
Crane, Stephen	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>		
Farley, Walter	<i>The Black Stallion</i>		
Fox, Paula	<i>The Slave Dancer</i>		
Gipson, Fred	<i>Old Yeller</i>		
Kipling, Rudyard	<i>Captains Courageous</i>		
O'Dell, Scott	<i>The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by Day</i>		
Sewell, Anna	<i>Black Beauty</i>		
Stevenson, Robert Louis	<i>Kidnapped</i>		
Taylor, Theodore	<i>The Cay</i>		

	Biography (on your reading level)		
8th Grade:			
Bagnold, Enid	<i>National Velvet</i>		
Collins, Suzanne	<i>The Hunger Games (any in series)</i>		
Dickens, Charles	<i>Oliver Twist</i>		
Gilbreth & Carey	<i>Cheaper by the Dozen</i>		
Lewis, C.S.	<i>Mere Christianity</i>		
Morpurgo, Michael	<i>War Horse</i>		
Orczy, Emma	<i>The Scarlet Pimpernel</i>		
Piper, John	<i>Don't Waste Your Life</i>		
Ten Boom, Corrie	<i>The Hiding Place</i>		
Tolkien, J.R.R.	<i>Lord of the Rings</i>		
	Biography (on your reading level)		

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University Model Grades 6 – 8

6th University Model Summer Reading

Students should choose one biography from List #1 and a fiction book from List #2 to read this summer. This reading and the report form should be completed before school begins in August.

List #1 (Choose one book from the biography list)

All of these books are from the “Christian Heroes: Then and Now” Series and are by Janet and Geoff Benge.

Mary Slessor: Forward into Calabar

Gladys Aylward: The Adventure of a Lifetime

Deitrich Bonhoeffer: In the Midst of Wickedness

David Livingstone: Africa’s Trailblazer

Sundar Singh: Footprints Over the Mountains

Hudson Taylor: Deep in the Heart of China

For the biography book-related project, make a timeline of the person’s life. Include at least 10 events from your missionary’s life. On an index card attached to the timeline, write your name; the name of your book; the author of your book; and what you learned from this person’s life that you can apply to your life.

List #2 (Choose one book from the fiction list)

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

The Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz

Listening for Lions by Gloria Whalen

The Adventures of Pearley Monroe by Marci Seither

For the fiction book-related project, write your name; the book title; and the book author on notebook paper. List the main characters and give a brief description of each. Summarize the book in a paragraph. What was the major conflict of the book, and how was it resolved?

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UM 2017 Summer Reading List

1. Choose two (2) books from the list that correspond with the grade you will enter in August 2017. You may read your book choices, or you may choose to listen to an unabridged (not shortened) audio version of your book choices.
2. Decide which reading comprehension assignment best fits each book, and complete one (1) reading assignment per book. You must complete both reading assignments.
3. ENJOY! Reading is FUN!

Rising 7th Grade

Cheaper by the Dozen, by Frank Gilbreth

Watership Down, by Richard Adams

The Hobbit, by J.R.R. Tolkein

Treasure Island, by Robert Louis Stevenson

Rising 8th Grade

The Chronicles of Narnia, by C.S. Lewis (any book in this series)

Anne of Green Gables, by L.M. Montgomery

Tom Sawyer, by Mark Twain

Watership Down, by Richard Adams

UM Middle School Summer Reading Assignments

(7th and 8th Grades)

Due Wednesday, August 16th

Book 1 Assignment

Choose a character from one of the books you read this summer.

1. Create and write five (5) journal entries from the point-of-view of that character. Your entries may be from any time in the book and in the life of that character. **Your Goal:** Your entries must show that you understand the setting, plot, and important events in the book. You may illustrate your journal entries.
2. Choose a Bible verse that well reflects your understanding of the story. Be able to explain why you feel led to choose this verse.
3. Have fun, and be creative!

Book 2 Assignment

Complete a plot diagram for the book you have chosen. The plot diagram must include the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution (denouement). Additionally, write a one to two (1-2) paragraph summary of the book. You may fill-out the plot diagram in the packet, or you may create your own plot diagram on a poster board. Have fun, and be creative! You may include illustrations.

Useful Definitions

plot- A series of events arranged to tell a story.

exposition- The part of the story's plot that introduces the reader to the situation and setting.

rising action- The events that lead up to the crisis in the story.

climax- The point at which the plot reaches the moment of highest emotional intensity.

falling action- The plot element that unfolds the results of the crisis and leads to the resolution.

resolution- The final outcome of a story and the last element of the plot (also known as the *denouement*)