

Lanier Christian Academy
8th Grade Summer Reading (TM & UM)

LCA Families,

The LCA upper school English department has designed our reading list with specific goals in mind. **Students will need to purchase TWO books this summer.** Below is a list of rich, thought-provoking Christian biographies. Reading Christian biographies will help students identify with the hills and valleys of other Christians while helping to grow their faith.

Each student must choose **ONE** of the following biographies:

- ***God's Smuggler*** by Brother Andrew (ISBN 978-0800793012)
- ***Peace Child: An Unforgettable Story of Primitive Jungle Treachery in the 20th Century*** by Don Richardson (ISBN 978-0830737840)
- ***Elisabeth Elliot: Joyful Surrender*** by Janet & Geoff Benge (ISBN 978-1576585139)
- ***The Cross and the Switchblade*** by David Wilkerson (ISBN 978-0515090253)*

*This book has some mature content as it deals with gang members coming to Christ out of a sinful lifestyle of violence and prostitution. The story is powerful if you can help your child walk through the mature content. Here is a synopsis to help make the decision on this true story:

<http://www.oakdaleumc.com/templates/System/details.asp?id=28559&PID=381865>

Project Details:

Each student will create either a PowerPoint or Google Slides presentation for his/her chosen biography. Students will turn in the completed presentation to their English teacher via Google Classroom or other means communicated by the teacher. This project will be worth a Quiz grade.

Required elements of the project:

- 1) Creativity
- 2) Biographical information – birth date, birth place, family life
- 3) Conflicts the Christian encountered
- 4) Major turning point in this person's life
- 5) How did God change him/her?
- 6) How did reading this person's story impact the student? What did the student take away from the book?
- 7) Mechanics – no spelling errors, no grammatical errors
- 8) Minimum of 5 slides, maximum of 8

The first novel that 8th grade will read at the beginning of the year is ***The Magician's Nephew***. Parents, we recommend you purchase this novel at the same time as the biography. Students will need it to start the year and can get a head start on reading if desired. ***Waiting to order the novel until after the start of school will put a student behind.*** Students who would like to get a head start can begin reading.

- ***The Magician's Nephew*** by C.S. Lewis (ISBN 978-0064471107)