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 and 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 decide on this true story:
http://www.oakdaleumc.com/templates/System/details.asp?id=28559&PID=381865

****After reading, the students will complete a One-pager Project to be turned in the first week of school. The directions for this project are below.

The first novel that the 8th grade will read at the beginning of the year is **INDIAN CAPTIVE–The Story of Mary Jemison**, by Lois Lenski. (ISBN 9780064461627) Parents, we recommend you purchase this novel at the same time as the biography. Students will need it to start the year. Waiting to order the novel until after the start of school will put a student behind.

SUMMER READING ONE-PAGER PROJECT for 6th, 7th and 8th graders

This is due in English class on **Friday, August 14, 2026**. This project will count as a QUIZ grade! A one-pager is a collage of illustrations and written analyses on one page that displays a nicely illustrated and detailed description of a subject or piece of literature.

Directions: After reading your chosen book, you will complete a one-pager using all of the following requirements. The one-pager will be graded using the rubric below.

Category	4 - Excellent	3 - Good	2 - Fair	1 - Needs Improvement
Grammar, Spelling, and Mechanics	No errors in grammar, spelling, or punctuation; writing is clear and polished.	Few minor errors that do not distract from meaning.	Several errors that sometimes interfere with understanding.	Many errors that make the text difficult to understand.
Completion of All Criteria	All required elements are included and fully developed with great detail.	Most required elements are included and mostly complete.	Some required elements are missing or incomplete.	Many required elements are missing or incomplete.
Understanding of the Text	Demonstrates a deep understanding of the text through accurate and insightful content.	Shows a good understanding with mostly accurate content.	Shows some understanding but with some inaccuracies.	Shows little or no understanding of the text.

A Simple Trick for Success with One-Pagers | Cult of Pedagogy (SEE EXAMPLES)

Non-Fiction One-Pager CHECKLIST *** It MUST include the following:

- Use a BLACK PEN to write your text. You may first write in a pencil, but go over the text with a BLACK PEN. Use unlined white paper.
- The title and author of the book
- One interesting quote from the book and the page number where it can be found.
- 5 facts you learned from reading the book, written in COMPLETE sentences!.

● A brief (1-3 sentences) summary of the book. This tells what the book is about.
● The front must be covered in artwork that conveys meaning. It could be a scene, image from the story, symbols, etc. Get creative! The entire front of the page should be completely covered and colored! Color pencils and crayons work best. See the link for examples!