Queen of Apostles Middle School Summer Reading List

Dear Students,

Your summer reading assignment will consist of three parts. Please follow all guidelines carefully!

1. You should read a biography of a saint and prepare a PowerPoint presentation (minimum of four slides) about that saint’s life to share with the class when we return. Be sure to include the title and author of the book in your presentation.
2. You should select one book *from the list below* and complete the assignment according to your grade level.

* Write the report *in your own words*!
* If you quote from the book, use quotation marks and give the page number where you found the quote.

1. All students should keep a reading log throughout the summer, using the attached form.

**All summer reading assignments are due the *first week* of the school year and are considered a test grade.**

**Sixth Grade:**

Create a promotional poster to advertise and promote the reading of your chosen book.

Size: half of a standard poster board

Layout:

1. 100 word review (your opinion) of the book, typed and mounted
2. Illustrations (your own drawings, computer generated, or cut from magazines)
3. Title and author
4. 100 word plot summary, typed and mounted

Suggestions to help make your poster interesting:

1. Mount your review on a cutout of some object in the book.
2. Use quotes from other people that have been written about the book.
3. Use your own artwork and try to make some part of your poster 3D
4. Use headlines at the top of your poster such as:

“Nothing to do? Why not read \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!”

“I dare you to read \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!”

“Want to travel and get away? Travel to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , written by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!”

**Seventh Grade**:

1. As you read, complete the attached characterization chart for your book.
2. Write a character analysis of the *main character* in the book that is at least **five** paragraphs in length. The character analysis should include:
   * A description of the character. (What does he/she looks like? Tall, short, dark hair and eyes, etc.)
   * The character’s personality traits. (Is the main character friendly, shy, brave, faithful, etc.)
   * How the character changed from the beginning of the book to the end

and why this change occurred.

Support your statements with quotes or examples from the book, such as:

* What the character says
* What the character does
* What is said about the character
* What happens to the character

**Eight Grade:**

1. As you read, complete the attached characterization chart for your book.
2. Write a book report that includes the following:
3. An introduction
4. A two-paragraph summary of the book, including basic information about the characters, plot, the setting, conflict, and the resolution.
5. A detailed character analysis of the main character in the book you chose.

This section should address:

* + A description of the character. (What does he/she looks like? Tall, short, dark hair and eyes, etc.)
  + The character’s personality traits. (Is the main character friendly, shy, brave, faithful, etc.)
  + How the character changed from the beginning of the book to the end

and why this change occurred.

Support your statements with quotes or examples from the book, such as:

* What the character says
* What the character does
* What is said about the character
* What happens to the character

1. A conclusion that includes some characteristics of the book as a whole and what you thought of the book.

**Choose one book from the following list:**

*A Little Princess,* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*A Single Shard*, by Linda Sue Park

*Adventures of Sherlock Holmes,* by A.C. Doyle

*Adventures of Tom Sawyer,* by Mark Twain

*Alice in Wonderland,* by Lewis Carroll

*All Creatures Great and Small*, by James Herriot

*Anne of Green Gables, Anne of Avonlea, Anne of the Island, Anne of Windy Poplars, Anne’s House of Dreams, Anne of Ingleside, Rainbow Valley,* or *Rilla of Ingleside*. One book from the series by L. M. Montgomery

*The Ark*, by Margot Benary Isbert

*At the Back of the North Wind,* George MacDonald

*The Black Arrow,* by Robert Louis Stevenson

*Black Beauty*, by Anna Sewell

*The Black Stallion,* by Walter Farley

*The Bronze Bow,* by Elizabeth George Speare

*Caddie Woodlawn*, by Carol Ryrie Brink

*Call It Courage,* by Armstrong Sperry

*Cheaper by the Dozen,* by Ernestine Carey and Frank Gilbreth

*Christy,* by Catharine Marshall

*Cuss* (also published under the title *The Grape Thief*), by Kristine Franklin

*Door in the Wall,* Marguerite de Angeli

*Ella Enchanted,* by Gail Carson Levine

*Emma,* by Jane Austen

*Fairest,* by Gail Carson Levine

*Good Master,* by Kate Seredy

*Goodbye, Mr. Chips,* by James Hilton

*Greek Myths,* by Olivia Coolidge

*Heidi,* by Johanna Spyri

*The Hobbit,* by J. R. R. Tolkein

*Holes,* by Louis Sachar

*Huckleberry Finn,* by Mark Twain

*I Am Third,* by Gale Sayers (professional football player)

*I, Juan de Pareja,* by Elizabeth Trevino

*The Jungle Book,* by Rudyard Kipling

*Journey to the Center of the Earth,* by Jules Verne

*Just So Stories*, by Rudyard Kipling

*Kon-Tiki,* by Thor Heyerdahl

*Life with Father*, by Clarence Day

*Little Britches* (or any book in this series), by Ralph Moody

*Little Women, Little Men, Jo’s Boys*. One book from the Little Women series by Louisa May Alcott

*The Lord of the Rings (The Fellowship of the Rings, The Two Towers, The Return of the King)*

*Love that Dog,* by Sharon Creech

*Men of Iron,* by Howard Pyle

*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*, by Robert C. O’Brien

*My Friend Flicka,* by Mary O’Hara

*My Side of the Mountain,* by Jean Craighead George

*Oliver Twist,* by Charles Dickens

*Otto of the Silver Hand,* by Howard Pyle

*Out of the Silent Planet,* C. S. Lewis

*Pride and Prejudice,* by Jane Austen

*The Prince and the Pauper,* by Mark Twain

*The Princess and Curdie,* George MacDonald

*The Princess and the Goblin,* George MacDonald

*The Secret Garden,* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*Rascal,* by Sterling North

*Shane,* by Jack Schaefer

*Sign of the Beaver*, by Elizabeth George Speare

*Sign of the Green Falcon,* by Cynthia Harnett

*The Singing Tree,* by Kate Seredy

*Slave Dancer,* by Paula Fox

*Son of Charlemagne*, by Barbara Willard

*Sounder*, by William Armstrong

*Swiss Family Robinson,* Johann David Wyss

*The Sword in the Stone,* by T. H. White

*The Tale of Troy****,*** by Roger Lancelyn Green

*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle,* by Avi

*The Trumpeter of Krakow*, by Eric Kelly

*Walk Two Moons,* by Sharon Creech

*White Fang,* by Jack London

*The Wind in the Willows*, by Kenneth Grahame

*The Wizard of Oz*, by L. Frank Baum

*Woodsong,* by Gary Paulsen