

Mt. Juliet Christian Academy Summer Reading Program 2021-2022

Summer reading is designed to be a reinforcement and extension of the work that is done during the school year in the English classroom. We have found that the more students read, the better prepared they are for higher education in addition to their other academic classes. All learning is impacted by a student's reading ability. With this in mind, the MJCA English Department assigns a reading assignment to be completed over the summer.

Each grade in **middle school** is expected to read an assigned novel and complete an assignment. This assignment is worth a test grade and will be due the first day you have English class (School starts August 11th). The grade will be reduced a complete letter grade for each day it is late.

Students are highly encouraged to complete the assignment early. If you have questions, you may contact your English teacher.

6th grade students can email Emily Howell at ehowell@mjca.org.

7th and 8th grade students can email Jenny Runyon at jrunyon@mjca.org.

Students entering the **6th grade** should read *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell.

Students entering the **7th grade** should read *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London.

Students entering the **8th grade** should read *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor.

Summer Reading for Grades 6-8

Directions: Read the book for the grade you are going into then complete the writing assignment.

Due Date: August 11th

How to submit your assignment: Turn in your assignment electronically by emailing it to your teacher. Please do not type your assignment in the email. Either attach it as a word document or attach a picture of your handwritten assignment. (If your assignment is hand written, please bring it to class on the first day.)

6th Grade – *Island of the Blue Dolphins* – Scott O’Dell

7th Grade – *Call of the Wild* – Jack London

8th Grade – *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* – Mildred D. Taylor

The written assignment will consist of the following:

First paragraph: Name of book and author, describe the setting (the time and place) and the main characters involved.

Second paragraph: Describe the main conflict in the book. Also, what is the type of conflict (man vs. man, man vs. self, man vs. environment)?

Third paragraph: Which character can you most relate to? Which one is most like you? Give examples of your similarities. If you do not relate to any character, write a paragraph about your favorite part of the book.

Fourth paragraph: What is the central theme (main idea) of the book? What is the author trying to teach you?

Paragraphs need to consist of at least 5-7 well-written sentences.

Grading Rubric for Summer Reading 6-8

Category:	Percentage:	Teacher's Comments:
<p>Paragraph 1 – Content <i>Name of book and author, describe the setting (the time and place) and the main characters involved.</i></p>	20%	
<p>Paragraph 2 – Content <i>Describe the main conflict in the book. Also, what is the type of conflict (man vs. man, man vs. self, man vs. environment)?</i></p>	20%	
<p>Paragraph 3 – Content <i>Which character can you most relate to? Which one is most like you? Give examples of your similarities. If you do not relate to any character, write a paragraph about your favorite part of the book.</i></p>	20%	
<p>Paragraph 4 – Content <i>What is the central theme (main idea) of the book? What is the author trying to teach you?</i></p>	20%	
<p>Writing Mechanics: <i>Grammar, Punctuation and Capitalization</i> Writing Style <i>Sentence variety, clear sentence construction, use of transitions, etc.</i></p>	20%	