

Tyler Street Christian Academy

2019 Required Summer Reading

Summer is here, school is out, desks are empty, and locker doors are shut! While the end of school signals that wonderful feeling of release from homework, the “summer slide” can quickly set in. In order to avoid the “summer slide” (that time when your brain shuts down and you forget all that you learned in school throughout the year), students will complete a summer reading project. This summer all incoming 6th-12th graders are to read a book from the attached list (see next page). As you begin to read the book, decide on a project that you will work on from below. Projects are due the first week of class.

Each project must include these story elements...

- Title and author
- Main character information (A brief description of the character including items such as looks, character traits/personality)
- Setting (Where did the story take place – location and time period)
- Plot/Resolution (What was the main problem/plan/storyline/scheme of the story and how is it resolved?)

Project Ideas

1. **Diary/Blog** – Write a two week diary/blog as if you were the main character of the book. In your daily entries included at least one illustration as well as your feelings about what is happening to you (as the main character). You will also include in your writing the required information above. You may use the cover of your diary for an illustration, or you may decorate it as if it were a real diary.
2. **Newspaper** – Pretend you are a reporter for a newspaper. Create a newspaper that reports on various events in the book. You may include additional articles on weather, sports, advice, comics, etc.
3. **Comic Book** – Create a comic book based on your book. Each page should be set up in a comic book format with illustrations and captions. Your comic book should retell the main ideas of the story including all required information.
4. **Children’s Book** – Turn your book into an illustrated children’s book appropriate for a 1st – 3rd grader. Create a cover and illustrated pages with sentences to retell the main idea of the story. You may use the inside cover or back cover to include any other required story elements.
5. **Board Game** – Create a board game all about your book. Design a game and all of the pieces needed so that your board game can be played. Include all story elements within the game. Illustrate your game board with characters or scenes from your story. If you are unable to include all required elements within your game, you may use the back of the game board or a separate piece of paper.
6. **Magazine** – Create a full color magazine dedicated to your book. Include all required story elements in your articles, advertisements, etc.

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All students in grades 6-12 are **required** to read the following books and complete a corresponding project of their choice **before** the first day of school on **August 21st**. Students may be asked to present their projects at the discretion of their teacher.

6th Grade Language Arts

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

7th Grade Language Arts

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

8th Grade Language Arts

The Horse and His Boy by C.S. Lewis

Honors 8th Grade and English I (9th) English

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Honors English I (9th)

English II (10th)

The Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Honors English II (10th)/English III (11th)

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

English IV (12th)

The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Honors English III/College English 1301 (11th)

College English 2300 (12th)

Utopia by Thomas More