

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Grade 6, 7 & 8

Read 1 (one) book from the grade you will be entering in the fall 2010. Choose from one of the three assignments below. Submit your completed assignment to your English teacher on the first day of class.

Book 1: Character Analysis

Answer each of the following questions in complete sentences. Type the sentences in black ink, size 12 font, Times New Roman or Arial. Heading: Place your name at the top and align on the left or right margin. Title: Below the heading, center the title (Character Analysis) and below that center the title of the book. Indent each paragraph or skip a line between paragraphs.

Paragraph One (5-15 sentences)

1. Who is your favorite character in the book and why? Give details from the book to explain why this character is your favorite.
2. In what ways are you similar to this character?
3. In what ways are you different from this character?

Paragraph Two (5-15 sentences)

1. The main character in a story always faces some kind of conflict or problem. What is the main character's conflict or problem? How is it resolved; in other words, how does it turn out in the end?
2. Have you ever faced a similar problem or do you know someone who faced a similar problem? Describe the situation. How was it resolved?

Paragraph Three (5-15 sentences)

1. Does the main character change during the course of the story? Does he/she learn a lesson or grow emotionally in some way? Explain using details from the story.
2. Looking back at your life, how have you changed the most in the last few years? What important lessons have you learned?

Book 2: Book Review

(Book Review - instructions below.)

Answer each of the following questions in complete sentences. Type the sentences in black ink, size 12 font, Times New Roman or Arial. Heading: Place your name at the top and align on the left or right margin. Title: Below the heading, center the title (Book Review) and below that center the title of the book. Indent each paragraph or skip a line between paragraphs.

Paragraph One: (5-15 sentences)

1. Summarize the plot of the book. For example: What is the story about? Who are the main characters? What did the main characters do in the story? Did they run into any problems? Did they have adventures? Remember: a book review does **NOT** give away the ending.

Paragraph Two (5-15 sentences)

2. Did you like the book? What was your favorite part? Do you have a least favorite part of the book? If you could change something in the book, what would it be? If you wish to change the ending, remember not to tell the ending of the story you read.

Paragraph 3 (2-5 sentences)

1. Would you recommend this book to another person? What type of person would like this book?

Book 3: Interview

Parents, please ask your child the following questions and record your child's answers in the spaces below. Parents may write the answers; it is not necessary to type the answers. Finally, parents please sign in the space provided.

Book Title: _____

How long did it take you to read this book? Describe how you did it. For example, approximately how many minutes did you spend reading at each sitting?

Describe the setting (time and place). If the book doesn't give the exact date, approximately when did it take place? Long ago? Current times? In the future? Where does it take place? Be as specific as you can.

In your opinion, what was the climax (point of highest interest/action)? In other words, when did you most want to keep reading in order to find out what happens?

Would this book make a good movie? Why or why not? If this book were to be made into a movie, which actors would you choose to play the main characters' roles?

Were you satisfied with the ending? Why or why not? If you don't like the ending, what would you change?

Parent Signature Date

Child's Name (print) _____ Grade (2010) _____

Sixth Grade Approved Book List

Book Report Books: Saints

Mary Fabian Windeat Books (available at www.setonbooks.com)

- *Saint Dominic*
- *Saint Benedict*
- *The Children of Fatima*
- *Saint John Masias*

Vision Books (available at www.setonbooks.com)

- *Saint Philip of the Joyous Heart*
- *Mother Cabrini*
- *Saint Francis of the Seven Seas*
- *Saint Ignatius and the Company of Jesus*

Unabridged Children's Classics:

- *A Journey to the Center of the Earth*, by Jules Verne
- *Around the World in Eighty Days*, by Jules Verne
- *Adam of the Road*, by Elizabeth Janet Gray
- *Alice in Wonderland*, and *Through the Looking-Glass*, by Lewis Carroll
- *All Creatures Great and Small*, by James Herriot
- *Call it Courage*, Armstrong Sperry
- *Jungle Book*, by Rudyard Kipling
- *Little Men*, by Louisa May Alcott
- *Oliver Twist*, by Charles Dickens
- *Swiss Family Robinson*, by Johann Wyss
- *The Door in the Wall*, by Marguerite de Angeli
- *The Elephant's Child*, by Rudyard Kipling
- *The Hobbit*, by J. R. R. Tolkien
- *The White Company*, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- *The Pit and the Pendulum and Other Stories*, by Edgar Allan Poe - (Recommended edition: *The Whole Story* ISBN: 0-670-88725-0)

Book Report Books: Saints

Mary Fabian Windeat Books (available at www.setonbooks.com)

- *Saint Dominic*
- *Saint Benedict*
- *The Children of Fatima*
- *Saint John Masias*

Vision Books (available at www.setonbooks.com)

- *Saint Philip of the Joyous Heart*
- *Mother Cabrini*
- *Saint Francis of the Seven Seas*

- *Saint Ignatius and the Company of Jesus*

Seventh Grade Approved Book List

Book Report Books: Saints

Mary Fabian Windeat Books (available at www.setonbooks.com)

- *The Little Flower*
- *Saint Hyacinth of Poland*
- *The Curé of Ars*
- *St. Louis de Montfort*

Vision Books (available at www.setonbooks.com)

- *Saint Isaac and the Indians*
- *Saint Anthony and the Christ Child*
- *Edmund Campion*
- *Bernadette: Our Lady's Little Servant*
- *Saint Joan: The Girl Soldier*

Fiction:

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- Bagnold, E.; *National Velvet* - Velvet wants to enter her horse in the grand race
- Benchley, N.; *Bright Candles* - Danish resistance in World War II
- Bendick, Jeanne; *Archimedes and the Door to Science** - ancient Greek mathematician
- Bonham, F.; *Burma Rifles* - Merrill's Marauders in World War II
- Butler, B.; *Light a Single Candle* - blind girl trains with a guide dog
- Davies, V.; *Miracle on 34th Street*
- Dickens, C.; *A Christmas Carol* - story of Scrooge
- Doyle, A. C.; *Study in Scarlet* - Sherlock Holmes mystery
- Fife, D.; *North of Danger* - twelve-year-old boy in Norway during Nazi invasion
- French, Allan; *The Red Keep** - action-filled tale during the 12th century
- French, Allan; *The Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow** - boy responds to injustice, Iceland
- Gipson, F.; *Old Yeller* - old yellow dog and 14-year-old, frontier life in Texas
- Hope, Anthony; *The Prisoner of Zenda* - exciting tale of mistaken identities
- James, W.; *Smoky, the Cow Horse* - cowpony and his adventures
- Kelly, E.; *The Trumpeter of Krakow* - adventure and mystery in Poland
- Kipling, R.; *Kim* - adventures of an Irish orphan boy in India
- Kipling, R.; *Captains Courageous* - story of a boy who grows up in a few months
- Lewis, C. S.; *The Chronicles of Narnia* - adventure stories, conflict of good and evil
- Lofting, Hugh; *Dr. Doolittle* - tale of a veterinarian
- London, J.; *The Call of the Wild* - problems of survival for a dog in Alaska
- London, J.; *White Fang* - dog in Alaska trained to be a fighter finally finds kindness
- Montgomery, L. M.; *Anne of Green Gables* - adventures of an irrepressible orphan girl
- O'Dell, S.; *The Black Pearl* - boy dives for pearls, though a giant ray is in a cave

- Saint-Exupery, A.; *The Little Prince* - stories of the Prince, his experiences on other planets
- Schaefer, J.; *Shane* - stranger helps family in Wyoming fighting to stay on their land
- Serrailier, Ian; *Beowulf the Warrior** - saga of the ancient warrior in modern verse
- Speare, E.; *Bronze Bow* - young Jewish rebel won over to the teachings of Jesus
- Speare, E.; *Calico Captive* - girl is captured by Indians and endures great hardships
- Stevenson, R. L.; *The Black Arrow* - swift-paced adventure of soldier, War of the Roses
- Stevenson, R. L.; *Kidnapped* - David, a cabin boy, fights off a villainous crew
- Stevenson, R. L.; *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*
- Tolkien, J. R. R.; *The Hobbit* - adventures in land of dwarfs, elves, goblins, and dragons
- Tolkien, J. R. R.; *The Lord of the Rings*
- Trevino, Elizabeth; *I, Juan de Pareja*
- Trevor, Meriol; *Following the Phoenix** - adventure during the French Revolution
- Twain, M.; *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* - Tom's pranks in school, with Huck
- Ullman, J. R.; *Banner in the Sky* - boy's exciting struggle to climb the Alps
- Verne, J.; *Around the World in Eighty Days* - Englishman makes a hasty, global tour
- Verne, J.; *Journey to the Center of the Earth* - explorers go down a volcano
- von Stockum, Hilda; *The Cottage at Bantry Bay** - vivid picture of Ireland
- Wells, H. G.; *The Time Machine, The Invisible Man, War of the Worlds* - science fiction
- Wibberley, L.; *Flint's Island** - sequel to Stevenson's *Treasure Island*

Short Story Collections:

Henry, O.; *Complete Works of O. Henry*

Biographies:

(Name of person about whom book is written is listed first, then author and title)

- **Balboa, Vasco**; Mirsky, J.; *Balboa, Discoverer of the Pacific*
- **Blackwell, Elizabeth**; Baker, R.; *First Woman Doctor*
- **Braille, Louis**; De Gering, E.; *Seeing Fingers*
- **Carver, G. W.**; Holt, R.; *George Washington Carver*
- **Cody, William F.**; Garst, S.; *Buffalo Bill*
- **Crockett, Davy**; Shapiro, I.; *Yankee Thunder*
- **Custer, G. A.**; Reynolds, Q.; *Custer's Last Stand*
- **Earhart, Amelia**; Davis, B.; *Amelia Earhart*
- **Edison, Thomas**; North, S.; *Young Thomas Edison*
- **Einstein, Albert**; Freeman, M.; *The Story of Albert Einstein*
- **Ericson, Leif**; Shippen, K.; *Leif Ericson, First Voyager to America*
- **Faraday, Michael**; Sootin, H.; *Michael Farady, From Errand Boy to Master Physicist*
- **Franklin, Benjamin**; Benjamin Franklin; *A Biography in His Own Words*
- **Franklin, Benjamin**; Daughtery, J.; *Poor Richard*
- **Franklin, Benjamin**; American Heritage; *The Many Worlds of Benjamin Franklin*
- **Gibson, Althea**; Gibson, A.; *I Always Wanted To Be Somebody*
- **Goethals, G. W.**; Fast, H.; *Goethals and the Panama Canal*
- **Hamilton, A.**; Crouse, A.; *Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr*
- **Henson, Matthew**; Henry, M.; *A Negro explorer at the North Pole*
- **Jackson, Andrew**; Coit, M.; *Andrew Jackson*
- **Jefferson, Thomas**; Wibberly, L.; *Man of Liberty*
- **Joan of Arc, St.**; Paine, A.; *The Girl in White Armor*

- **LaSalle, Robert**; Syme, R.; *LaSalle of the Mississippi*
- **Leonardo da Vinci**; Horizon Magazine; *Leonardo da Vinci*
- **Lincoln, A.**; American Heritage; *Abraham Lincoln in Peace and War*
- **Longfellow, H. W.**; Holberg, R.; *An American Bard*
- **Nelson, Horatio**; Horizon Magazine; *Nelson and the Age of Fighting Sail*
- **Nightingale, Florence**; Hume, R.; *Florence Nightingale.*
- **Polo, Marco**; Horizon Magazine; *Marco Polo's Adventures in China*
- **Raleigh, S. Walter**; Fecher, C.; *The Last Elizabethan*
- **Roentgen, Wilhelm**; Grey, V.; *Roentgen Revolution: The Discovery of the X-Ray*
- **Roosevelt, Theodore**; American Heritage; *Theodore Roosevelt*
- **Sequoya**; Cambell, C. W.; *Sequoya* (devised Indian alphabet)
- **Seton, Elizabeth Ann**; Power-Waters, A.; *Mother Seton, First American-born Saint*
- **Sitting Bull**; Garst, S.; *Sitting Bull, Champion of His People*
- **Thorpe, James**; Schoor, G.; *The Jim Thorpe Story*
- **von Trapp, Maria**; von Trapp, M.; *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers*
- **Washington, George**; *American Heritage and the Making of a Nation*
- **Whitney, Eli**; Latham, J. L.; *The Story of Eli Whitney*

Eighth Grade Approved Book List

Book Report Books: Saints

Mary Fabian Windeat Books (available at www.setonbooks.com)

- *Pauline Jaricot*
- *Saint Francis Solano*
- *Saint Margaret Mary*
- *Saint Paul the Apostle*

Vision Books (available at www.setonbooks.com)

- *Francis and Clare: Saints of Assisi*
- *Kateri Tekakwitha*
- *Mother Seton and the Sisters of Charity*
- *Saint Katharine Drexel*
- *Vincent De Paul: Saint of Charity*

Fiction:

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- Alcott, Louisa May; *Little Women*
- Alcott, Louisa May; *Little Men*
- Alcott, Louisa May; *Eight Cousins*
- Benary-Ishbert, M.; *Under a Changing Moon** - Catholic teenage girl in 19th century Germany
- Dickens, C.; *David Copperfield* - David's adventures and unusual friends
- Forbes, K.; *Mama's Bank Account* - humorous story of Norwegian-American family
- Hilton, J.; *Good-bye Mr. Chips* - English school boys having fun and learning
- Hunt, I.; *Across Five Aprils* - family farm life during the Civil War

- Irving, Washington; *Rip Van Winkle* - Dutchman in America sleeps, wakes up 20 years later
- Irving, Washington; *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* - American legend
- Keith, H.; *Rifles for Watie* - boy growing up during the Civil War
- Lane, R. W.; *Let the Hurricane Roar* or *Young Pioneers* - frontier life in the Dakotas
- Latnam, J. L.; *This Dear-Bought Land* - boy in Jamestown colony struggling to survive
- Levitin, S.; *Roanoke* - young boy struggles for survival in the lost colony
- O'Hara, M.; *Green Grass of Wyoming* - adventure with horses on a ranch
- O'Hara, M.; *Thunderhead*
- O'Hara, M.; *My Friend Flicka*
- Poe, Edgar Allan; *The Tell-Tale Heart*
- Richter, C.; *Light in the Forest* - boy raised by Indians is reunited with his family
- Steinbeck, J.; *The Pearl* - the consequences of finding a pearl for a man and his wife
- Trevor, Meriol; *The Crystal Snowstorm** - young girl becomes a political pawn
- Trevor, Meriol; *The Rose Round** - a cripple teaches other the meaning of true love
- Twain, M.; *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* - Huck and runaway slave adventures
- Twain, M.; *The Prince and the Pauper* - boy-king exchanges life with a poor boy
- Wallace, Imelda; *Outlaws of Ravenhurst* (available at www.neumannpress.com)
- White, T. H.; *The Sword in the Stone* - boy must be made worthy to become king
- Wibberley, L.; *John Treegate's Musket* - boy involved in the American Revolution

Short Story Collections:

- Fenner, P.; *Brother against Brother - Stories of the War Between the States*
- Hawthorne, N.; *Great Stone Face and other Tales*
- Fenner, P.; *No Time for Glory. Stories of W. W. II*
- Poe, E. A.; *Tales of Mystery and Imagination*

Biographies:

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- **Adams, Samuel**; Chidsey, D.; *The World of Samuel Adams*
- **Allan, Ethan**; Holbrook, S.; *America's Ethan Allen*
- **Barton, Clara**; Nolan, J.; *The Story of Clara Barton of the Red Cross*
- **Boone, Daniel**; Brown, J.; *Daniel Boone, the Opening of the Wilderness*
- **Douglass, Frederick**; *The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*
- **Geronimo**; Wilson, C.; *Geronimo*
- **Houston, Samuel**; Latham, J.; *Retreat to Glory*
- **Joseph (Chief of Nez Percé)**; Davis, R.; *Chief Joseph, War Chief*
- **Lincoln, A.**; Sandburg, C.; *Abraham Lincoln Grows Up*
- **Revere, Paul**; Forbes, E.; *America's Paul Revere*
- **Sacagawea**; Burt, O.; *Sacagawea*
- **Seton, Elizabeth Ann** (available at <http://emmitsburg.net/setonshrine>)
- **Sitting Bull** (check your library for various titles)
- **Tecumseh**; Schraff, A.; *Tecumseh*
- **Washington, Booker T.**; Washington, B. T.; *Up From Slavery*