

WEST SAYVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
SUMMER READING PROGRAM
EXTRA CREDIT READING
GRADES 7 & 8

Dear Students:

You can earn an extra quiz grade on your first quarter grade in English for next year by completing a book report activity off the enclosed list. This assignment list is for the extra credit report. You must pick one book off the book list for grades 7-8. Failure to do so will result in several points deducted from your final grade for this project. These activities should be handed in on the first full day of school. The following projects may be chosen for the book report:

1. As you read the book, keep a reading journal for each chapter of the book. After you read a chapter, write in your journal. **DO NOT RETELL WHAT HAPPENS IN THE BOOK.** Instead, date the entry, and write about what you think or feel about a character or what you think about what has happened. Each entry should be a minimum of five sentences long.
2. Create a cartoon strip based on the main character and one of the main episodes of the book.
3. Write a one to two page biography of one of the main characters.
4. Prepare an original book jacket for the book. Provide the title and author of the book as well as some illustration that somehow is related to the book. For the back cover, prepare some description of the book that will urge someone in a bookstore to want to pick it up and buy the book. **BE CREATIVE!**
5. Create a "test" that would be useful to make sure someone has read the book. Provide the following sections for your test:
 - a. 10 multiple choice questions on the plot;
 - b. 10 true-false questions on vocabulary;
 - c. One 5 point essay question on conflict resolution or theme;
 - d. Answer key;

6. Rewrite the ending of the book. It must represent true Christian ethics. For example, if someone steals something in the original story, how does the story change if they don't steal it?