



Middle School

Grade 5-6 Summer Reading

2021 Assignment

Instructions:

Students will read the assigned book and complete the project. They will read the assigned scripture and write a paragraph in response to the essential question, using the scripture as evidence.

Some Tips:

Plan out your reading strategy. Know what will occupy your time during the summer so that you can schedule your reading to get it accomplished with enough time to complete the project and the paragraph. Make mini goals that are easier to accomplish. Decide how many pages you can reasonably read each day or week, and break up your reading and project/writing work into manageable chunks.

Know what needs to be explained in your paragraph and added to your project before you read. Knowing what will be required of you in your writing and on your project before you start reading will help you find ideas and answers while you go. This will save you time because you'll find things as you read instead of needing to go back through after you're done.

Do the project as soon as you finish the book. Don't save all of that work until the last minute. Complete the project when the book is still fresh in your mind and you have more free time to get the project done.

Write the paragraph as soon as you finish the scripture reading. It's better to do this sooner instead of waiting to write your paragraph until just before school starts. Write the paragraph as soon as you finish reading and the scripture is fresh in your mind.

Essential Question

Reading Assignments

5th

What can cause a sudden change in someone's life?

An allegory and fable for spiritual change:
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
By: C. S. Lewis

Scripture Reading:
Acts 1-2, 9-11:18
ESV Version

6th

How do we overcome obstacles?

A fictional book about an underdog:
The Mysterious Benedict Society
By: Trenton Lee Stewart

Scripture Reading:
The Book of Nehemiah
Chapters 1-7
ESV Version

The Book in a Bag Project

1. Choose either a paper grocery bag or a paper gift bag for your project.
2. Decorate the outside of your bag. On the outside of your bag, include your name, the book's title and author, an illustration representing the book, and your favorite quote from the book.
3. Choose or make 2 items related to the characters, 2 items related to objects or places in the book, and 1 item of your choice to include in the bag. These must be actual items, but can not include real food. Do not use photocopied pictures of items, although you can be creative and construct the items.
4. For each item include an index card that explains how the item relates to the essential question. There should be 5 notecards for the 5 required items in the bag.

Project Example:



Paragraph Writing

Write a paragraph to answer the essential question over the scripture reading. You should write this paragraph on notebook paper. Remember to indent your paragraph and use correct punctuation and spelling.

Parts of the Paragraph

Topic Sentence: This sentence should answer the essential question (1 sentence).

Explanation & Evidence (x2): This should summarize how the essential question is answered in the scripture passage and give a specific example (2 sentences). You must have two explanations with evidence in the body of your paragraph for a total of 4 sentences.

Conclusion: Without exactly repeating your words, restate your answer to the essential question. Let the reader know why your idea matters and how it can be applied to life (1-2 sentences).

Check the Summer Reading Google Classroom for asking questions, viewing instructional videos, and a suggested timeline for reading!