



ENGLISH - REQUIRED SUMMER READING ENTERING 6TH GRADERS AT AUCILLA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY!



Research shows that students who read, score better on verbal tests and write more effectively. Since this is one of our academic goals at ACA, we are requiring all Secondary Students to read two books during the summer. One book has already been selected by your teacher and you are to select an additional book from the list below.

Assignment Instructions

All 6th grade English students are required to read *Crispin: Cross of Lead* by Avi and to complete the attached Major Works Data Sheet. Students will be tested on the book during the first week of school. An analysis of this book will be the primary project of the first six weeks. In order to be successful, students must have read this book and completed the Data Sheet prior to the start of school. Be sure to take study notes as you read! However, notes will not be used on tests!

You must have a copy of the required book for the first 3 weeks of class.

For the second book, students are required to choose a book from the list below and complete the reading assignment on the back of this sheet.

Both Reading Assignments are due on the first day of school.

Required Book

Crispin: Cross of Lead by Avi. Living on the edges of a tiny village, a young boy knows himself only as Asta's boy until his mother dies. The village priest reveals that his name is Crispin and that his parents' backgrounds are mysterious. Framed for a murder he did not commit, Crispin runs for his life and is taken in by a juggler who tries to shield the boy from the dangers swirling around him.

2nd Book Selections - Choose one of the following:

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko - Moose Flanagan lives on Alcatraz, the small island in San Francisco Bay that was a maximum security prison. Having the famous gangsters of the 1930's as neighbors may seem to give his life a little glamour, but it is balanced out by challenging family problems, the dangerous schemes of the warden's daughter, and the isolation of his life.

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz - After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen year old Alex Rider continues his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

The Adventures of Marco Polo by Russell Freedman - Just who was Marco Polo? Was he a man of a million lies or did he find his way from his home in Venice, across the roof of the world, to China and the court of the Kublai Khan? His experiences as penned by a cell mate were too much for many of his day to believe.

Dragon Wings by Lawrence Yep - Moon Shadow leaves his Chinese village in 1903 and goes to live with his father in San Francisco where the two work toward their dream of creating a dragon-like flying machine.

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke - Escaping the aunt who wants to adopt only one of them, two orphaned brothers run away from Hamburg to Venice, finding shelter with a gang of street children and their leader, the thirteen year old "Thief Lord", while also eluding the detective hired to return them to Germany.

Visit www.aucilla.org for a complete listing of the summer Reading lists and assignments.

Acquiring the books:

- Books may be borrowed from a public or private library.
- Books may be purchased at bookstores such as Borders and Books-a-Million.
- Books may be purchased online (shipping will take several weeks, so please plan accordingly). Try amazon.com; barnesandnoble.com; ecampus.com.
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