## **Summer Reading Assignments**

#### Students entering grade 6, 7, 8

Read: A book of your choice (please select a grade appropriate book)

Please respond to the following questions to the best of your ability. Answer these questions for *the book you selected*. Please type (double space, Times New Roman, 12 pt.) or use your neatest cursive writing.

#### Name Book Title/Author

- 1. Setting: Describe the setting of your story. Does it take place in various settings?

  How is the setting similar or different to where you live?
  - 2. Do the characters seem real and believable? Can you relate to their predicaments? Why? Why not? Use text evidence to support your answer.
  - 3. Do the characters remind you of someone you know? How? If not, why not? Tell how they are different from people you know.
  - 4. What do you think happened to the main character 10-20 years later, after the story ended?
  - 5. Do you like the ending of this book? Why or why not? How would you have preferred the book end?
  - 6. Select your favorite passage or sentence. Write it down. Explain why it was your favorite. Did it have meaning to you?
  - 7. Do you think the title fits the book? Why or why not?
  - 8. Make either a text to self, text to text, or a text to world connection. (pick one)
    - Text to self: explain how some aspect of the book connects to you and your life
    - Text to text: explain how the book reminds you of another book, movie, poem or song
    - Text to world: explain how the book reminds you of world events, past or present
  - 9. How does this book relate to our Catholic faith? You may select a certain scene or event. Explain.
  - 10. Vocabulary. Write down 10 words that were new to you. Define them or explain them.

### **Bonus**

Extra books I read this summer (NO REPORT NEEDED)

Parent Signature required

| Title | Parent Signature |  |  |
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# Summer Reading Rubric

|  | 8  | 6   | 4  | 2  |
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| Content  | All answers contain<br>strong evidence that<br>the book was read.<br>All questions were<br>answered using<br>specific details and<br>examples from story.            | At least 8 answers contain strong evidence that the book was read. At least 8 questions were answered using specific details and examples from story. | At least 6 answers contain strong evidence that the book was read. At least 6 questions were answered using specific details and examples from story. Most answers could pertain to any story. | Fewer than 5 answers contain strong evidence that the book was read. Questions lack specific details and examples from story. Most answers could pertain to any story. |
|  | 4  | 3   | 2  | 1  |
| Sentence Fluency                                       | All sentences read well. Varied structure. No fragments or runons.   | Most sentences read well. Varied structure. One fragment or runon.  | Sentences have awkward wording, most do not read well. No varied structure. Several fragments or run-ons.  | Wording makes<br>answers difficult to<br>understand. Not at<br>grade level.  |
| Word choice  | No weak words. (go, get, do, put, thing, etc.) Vocabulary used is strong including strong verbs, grade appropriate.  | 1-2 weak words.<br>Mostly the word<br>choice is grade<br>appropriate  | 3-5 weak words. The word choice is not reflective of grade.  | Numerous weak<br>words. Word choice is<br>below expectations<br>for grade.   |
| Spelling   | 0 errors   | 1-2 errors  | 3-4 errors   | 5+ errors  |
| Capitalization   | 0 errors   | 1-2 errors  | 3-4 errors   | 5+ errors  |
| Grammar (apostrophes, commas, verb tense, punctuation) | 0 errors   | 1-2 errors  | 3-4 errors   | 5+ errors  |
| Appearance/Format                                      | -Name/ date  -Title of book/author  -12 pt font  -Times New Roman  -double space  -number each question  -leave extra space between each question  -neatly presented | 1-2 elements incorrect or missing   | 3-4 elements incorrect or missing  | 5+ elements incorrect or missing   |

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