



EVANGEL CLASSICAL  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

SOLI DEO GLORIA

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading**

You are required to read two books, Malory's *Le Morte d'Arthur* (ISBN 0451528166), and one that you may choose from the attached list. From *Le Morte d'Arthur* you will be required to read The Tale of King Arthur, The Tale of Sir Launcelot Du Lake, "The Knight of the Cart" (chapter 4 from The Book of Sir Launcelot and Queen Gwynevere) and *Le Morte d'Arthur*. This will be the basis for the first unit of study in your literature class, and you can expect a test or writing assignment after class discussions within the first two weeks of school. It is essential, therefore, that your reading of *Le Morte d'Arthur* be complete before you return to school. For your second title, you may choose any book from the list provided. We desire that you either choose a book from the list that you have never read or that you read so long ago that you have forgotten. For students who entered ECCS in later grades, we highly recommend that you read titles from the curriculum, such as *The Chronicles of Narnia*, that you might have missed. After reading the work you select from the list, you should write a book report that follows the general format below:

- Paragraph I: Introduce the book, including the title, author, primary characters, historical context if applicable, information about the author if applicable, etc.
- Paragraph II: Describe the basic plot in 5 – 6 sentences.
- Paragraph III: Describe the major conflict and how it is resolved.
- Paragraph IV: Discuss any theme and/or spiritual truths evident in the story.
- Paragraph V: Give your personal response to the book, along with recommendation for your peers to read or not to read and why.
- Work Cited: Include a separate Work Cited page that contains a correct MLA bibliographic entry of the book that you read.

Your book report should have the following **signed and dated statement** at the bottom of the last page:

"I have read all that was required for this assignment and all written work is my own."

Your paper should be typed in standard MLA format. The higher your grade level, of course, the more we expect you to be able to accomplish in your book report. You should complete the reading and the book report over the summer and come to school ready to turn it in. **All book reports will be due on Thursday, August 11, the second day of school.**

Remember that the grades associated with summer reading can be really helpful in getting your literature grade off to a great start if you take advantage of them. If you have any questions about the summer reading, you can call the school at 216-0149 during our regular summer office hours. Happy Reading!

Your Rhetoric School Literature Teachers

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:

*The Gateway Chronicles* series (6 books) by Karin Ballstadt (K.B. Hoyle)  
*The Breeder Cycle* (3 books) by Karin Ballstadt (K.B. Hoyle)  
*Redwall* by Brian Jacques (or any subsequent title in the series)  
*Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift  
*Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad  
*David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens  
*Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens  
*The Nine Tailors* by Dorothy Sayers  
*The House of the Seven Gables* by Nathaniel Hawthorne  
*Moby Dick* by Herman Melville  
*War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy  
*Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky  
*The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
*The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy  
*Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo  
*The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexander Dumas  
*The Lord of the Rings* series (3 books) by J.R.R. Tolkien  
*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen  
*Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen  
*Return of the Native* by Thomas Hardy  
*The Mill on the Floss* by George Eliot  
*Tess of the d'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy  
*Don Quixote* by Miguel Cervantes  
*The Tempest* by William Shakespeare  
*Dracula* by Bram Stoker  
*A Separate Peace* by John Knowles  
*Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell  
*Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy  
*Surprised by Joy* by C.S. Lewis  
*The Space Trilogy* (3 books) by C.S. Lewis  
*Vanity Fair* by William Makepeace Thackeray  
*Idylls of the King* by Alfred, Lord Tennyson  
*100 Cupboards* series (3 books) by N.D. Wilson  
*Leepike Ridge* by N.D. Wilson  
*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte  
*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane  
Any of the sequel titles in the *Anne of Green Gables* series by Lucy Maud Montgomery (*Anne of Green Gables* is in the sixth grade curriculum, so this title should only be read if you were not here during sixth grade)  
Any of the sequel titles in the *The Giver* series by Lois Lowry (*The Giver* is in the seventh grade curriculum, so this title should only be read if you were not here during seventh grade)  
\**Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens  
\**Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt  
\**Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare  
\**The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis (Anyone in 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grades may read or re-read these, but because of the reading level, you will be required to read TWO titles from the series if you choose this option)

Books marked with an asterisk (\*) are books that are taught in the ECCS curriculum at lower grade levels. Only students who came to ECCS after the grade level at which those books were taught in the curriculum may choose those titles. All editions should be unabridged.