



EVANGEL CLASSICAL
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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7th Grade Summer Reading

You are required to read two books, *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien (ISBN 9780345339683) and one that you may choose from the attached list. *The Hobbit* 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. For your second title, you may choose any book from the list provided for your grade level. 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: *Briefly* describe the basic plot (5 – 8 sentences)
- Paragraph III: Describe the major conflict and how it is resolved.
- Paragraph IV: Describe any lesson that was taught, whether to a character or the reader.
- Paragraph V: Describe what you liked about the characters, plot, conflict, and setting; Describe what you didn't like about the characters, plot, conflict, setting.

Your book report should be a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 750 words, and 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. 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 questions about the summer reading, you can call the school at (205) 216-0149 during our regular summer office hours. Happy Reading!

Your Logic School Literature Teachers

7th Grade Recommended Reading List:

The Gateway Chronicles (6 books) by Karin Ballstadt (K.B. Hoyle)

The Chronicles of Prydain (5 books) Lloyd Alexander

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder (any of the series. If you read *Little House in the Big Woods* you must also read *Little House on the Prairie* because of the lower reading level of *Big Woods*)

Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

White Fang by Jack London

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George

Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Yearling by Marjorie K. Rawlings

The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle (or any subsequent title in the series)

The Fellowship of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien (if you enjoyed *The Hobbit*, the required title)

The Silmarillion by J.R.R. Tolkien (prequel to *The Fellowship of the Rings*)

The Princess and the Goblin by George MacDonald

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor

Bruchko by Bruce Olsen

The Last of the Mohicans by James Fennimore Cooper

Christy by Catherine Marshall

100 Cupboards series (3 books) by N.D. Wilson

Leepike Ridge by N.D. Wilson

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)

**Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes

**The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare

**Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

**The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare

**The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain

**Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens

**The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane

**The Chronicles of Narnia* (any title from the series. You should only read titles from the series for which you were not at ECCS when it was taught in the curriculum.)

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.