Summer Reading Projects: Summer 2012

Directions: Listed below are the projects for this summer. Each class is required to complete the project specific to their class. These projects are due in your English class the first day of school August of 2012. These projects will be counted as a weighted major grade.

7th: *Saint Joan: The Girl Soldier:* Louis de Wohl (available here at Amazon.com--including a Kindle Edition)

*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe:* C.S. Lewis (available here at Amazon.com--including a Kindle Edition)

Assignment: Read both books. Write a 5 paragraph report comparing one of the main characters of the novel to the saint in the biography. For example, how does Lucy act like Saint Joan of Arc? What qualities of Saint Joan does Lucy show in her loyalty to Narnia?

8th: *The Restless Flame: Saint Augustine:* Louis de Wohl (available here at Amazon.com--including a Kindle Edition) OR any other Louis de Wohl novel about a specific Saint.

*The Hobbit:* J.R.R. Tolkien (available here at Amazon.com--including a Kindle Edition)

Assignment: Read both books. Write a 5 paragraph report comparing one of the main characters of the novel to the saint in the biography. For example, how does Bilbo act like Saint Augustine (or whichever biograpy you have read)? What qualities of Saint Augustine does Bilbo show in his transformation throughout the story?

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9th: *The Restless Flame: Saint Augustine:* Louis de Wohl (available here at Amazon.com--including a Kindle Edition) OR any other Louis de Wohl novel about a specific Saint.

*The Chosen:* Chaim Potok (available here at Amazon.com)

Assignment: Choose one of the main characters from *The Chosen* (Reuven Malter or Daniel Saunders) and write a 6 paragraph comparison to Saint Augustine (or whichever Biography you have read) as seen in the Louis de Whohl novel. By comparison, what are some traits that the character shares with the saint? How are their lives similar? Each paragraph should have 6-8 sentences, with the exception of the first paragraph which only needs 3. The first paragraph is the introductory paragraph.

10th: *Total Surrender:* Mother Theresa (available here at Amazon.com)

*To Kill a Mockingbird:* Harper Lee (available here at Amazon.com--this is a Kindle Edition; other additions are viewable via Amazon.com’s search)
Mother Theresa was known for her unwavering dedication to the poor — to all those who did not have anyone to defend or take care of them. How is Atticus Finch like Mother Theresa? In what ways does Atticus live the values that Mother Theresa depicts in her book? Write a 6 paragraph essay on how Atticus depicts the values Mother Theresa exemplifies in her book *Total Surrender*.

11th: *Total Surrender*: Mother Theresa (available [here](https://www.amazon.com) at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com))

*The Man Who Was Thursday*: G. K. Chesterton (available [here](https://www.amazon.com) at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) — including a Kindle Edition; or electronic editions obtainable for FREE via the Internet at [Bartleby.com](https://www.bartleby.com) or [Gutenberg.org](https://www.gutenberg.org))

**Assignment**

Mr. Beeler--11th Grade (Dual-Credit/ENGL1301): In a well-organized in-class essay in which you **MUST use multiple directly quoted evidence from the book**, write an essay that persuades your audience of your answer to the following question—*Gabriel Syme discovers that his sufferings and adventures at the hands of evil actually lead him to discover great good and friends he otherwise never would have found. How does this discovery that his suffering leads to blessing demonstrate/exemplify Mother Teresa’s idea of “total surrender” — even in our suffering — leads us to see the world more as Christ does?*

12th:  

*Total Surrender*: Mother Theresa (available [here](https://www.amazon.com) at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)) OR *The Problem of Pain*: C.S. Lewis (available [here](https://www.amazon.com) at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) — including a Kindle Edition);

**AND**

*Brideshead Revisited*: Evelyn Waugh (available [here](https://www.amazon.com) at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) — including a Kindle Edition)

**Assignment**

Mr. Beeler--12th Grade (Senior Honors English): In a well-organized in-class essay in which you **MUST use multiple directly quoted evidence from the book** (i.e., you cannot rely on watching the very different movie or mini-series), write an essay that persuades your audience of your answer to the following question—*How do Charles’ interactions with at least three members of the Brideshead family reveal Charles’ embrace of either Mother Teresa’s notion of “total surrender” or C. S. Lewis’ explanation of the problem of pain and suffering in human life?*