



Summer Reading Gr. 8 - 2020

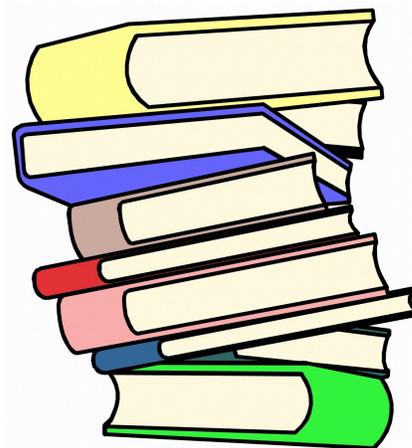
The purpose of the summer reading program is to encourage the enjoyment of reading and the development of independent reading skills. Summer is a time of fun, exploration, and growth; it is a perfect time to read. It is our hope at St. Michael School that each of you will become lifelong readers. Students entering sixth, seventh and eighth grades will read two books during the summer. Of the two required books, one must be chosen from the reading list attached.

Required reading for grade 8:

- 1) *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr (Questions)
- 2) Free Choice from the reading list attached (Book Review)

Attached you will find questions that must be answered for the novel, ***All the Light We Cannot See***, and the “book review” assignment for the free choice novel. Both assignments must be handed in on time and using MLA formatting.

Several of the books on the reading list are some of the students’ favorites. Feel free to read more than one from the list. The reading and corresponding assignments will be collected on Friday, September 11th. Enjoy your time reading this summer!



2020 Summer Reading List (Gr 8 - Choose one book from either list below)

Classics:

1. *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair
2. *The Great Gatsby* by F.Scott Fitzgerald
3. *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane
4. *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift
5. *Little Women* by Louisa M. Alcott
6. *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
7. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
8. *The Secret Garden* By Francis H. Burnett

Contemporary:

1. *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry
2. *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom
3. *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman
4. *I am Malala* by Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai
5. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
6. *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Hunt
7. *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Park
8. *Revolution is Not A Dinner Party* by Ying Chang Compestine

"Book Review" Assignment for Free Choice

A book review has three purposes:

1. To inform the reader about a book you have read.
2. To give your opinion about the book.
3. To persuade the reader to want to read the book.

Your task: Write a three or more paragraph "book review" that accomplishes the above purposes. Your book review should include the following:

- Title, author, and genre of the book.
- Summary of the book.
- Explanation of your favorite character or scene.
- Your opinion of the book supported by reasons and examples.
- Explain why you liked or disliked the characters.
- Recommend the book to other readers.
- Explain why others might or might not like to read the book.

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Questions --

Using complete sentences, type or hand-write **the answers only** to the following questions:

1. The narration moves back and forth in time between different characters. How did this affect your reading of the story? Would your experience have been different if the story had been told entirely in chronological order?

2. Whose story did you enjoy the most? Was there any character you wanted more insight into?

3. Werner and Julia hear the Frenchman on the radio conclude his broadcast by saying "Open your eyes and see what you can with them before they close forever." Werner recalls these words throughout the book. How does this phrase relate to the overall message of the story?

4. Many of the characters show great courage and selflessness, in some big or small way, throughout the story. Name some different ways some characters put themselves at risk in order to do what they thought was right. What do you think were shining moments of this? Who did you admire the most?

5. The author writes, "To shut your eyes is to guess nothing of blindness." What did you learn or realize about blindness through Marie-Laure's perspective? Did being blind give her any advantages?

6. This book is filled with examples of human nature at its best and worst. These themes of good versus evil drive each other throughout the story. From these themes, what do you think are the ultimate lessons that these characters, and the resolution of their stories, teach us?