

Incoming 7th - 8th Grade Summer Reading

Temple Christian School

Students enrolled in 7th-8th grade are encouraged to get started on their independent reading sooner rather than later. Students are to read the ONE assigned book and then choose ONE book from the list of choices. (*Students may not choose a book they have already read.*) There will be an assessment over both novels within the first quarter. The assessment will not be in the form of a written test, multiple choice, T/F, or open-ended questions; instead, students during the first week of school, will complete a project, Socratic Seminar and/or essay that will require them to demonstrate a thorough understanding of both novels by analyzing the characters, and plot using textual evidence for both novels.

To help with retention, we suggest students take notes, summarize chapters and annotate as they read; however, student reading notes are not required and will not be taken for a grade. In addition, if there is a movie made from the book, we encourage students to watch the movie after their assessment as most books and movies differ.

FIRST REQUIRED NOVEL:

7th grade:

Book One- *The Ultimate Gift* by Jim Stovall

8th grade:

Book One- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

Choice Board for SECOND REQUIRED NOVEL:

Choose ONE of the following for your second novel. Students may not choose a book they have previously read.

The Cross and the Switchblade by David Wilkerson

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Refugee by Alan Gratz

The Skin I'm In by Sharon G. Flake

Temple Christian School exists to inspire our students with the passion to learn, the courage to lead, and the commitment to serve through Biblical worldview education, so they may change the world with the power of the Gospel.