

Summer Reading 2021: High School English 11 and 12 Providence Christian Academy

All summer reading must be completed by the first day of the 2021-2022 school year.

This summer I am asking you to read more and write less. (We will write in the fall!) Continue reading to learn more.

The Basics

My goal is to get you to read this summer! Once you read a book, you are to email me a “postcard” that includes the following information. You may create your postcard on the computer with power point, Adobe, or Word; or you may create it on paper and then take a picture to send to me.

Please email your postcards to bpyles@pcalions.org. Do not use Jupiter this summer. I will create a folder for each student so that I can save your postcards as I receive them.

Information to include in your postcard:

- ★ Your name, first and last, class, and grade in the fall: English 6, English 7, or English 8
- ★ Title and author: Use correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation (italicize the title – or underline it if you are writing rather than typing).
- ★ Number of pages in the book
- ★ Statement that you read the entire book.
- ★ Statement with your reaction to the book. Do not use “. . . it was boring, too long, nice and short” or similar responses as your reason for enjoying or not enjoying a book. Be thoughtful.
 - ✗ “I enjoyed (or liked) this book because. . . .”
 - ✗ “I did not enjoy (or like) this book because. . . .”

The Assignment and Due Dates

You are to read THREE books from the list below and will send me a postcard as you complete each book. The deadlines and rewards for your work are listed below. You will receive the reward for each postcard (1-5) that you send me, whether on time, early, or late. However, to receive the +5 points coupon, postcards must be mailed (stamped) or emailed by the due date.

Book	Due Date	Reward*
Book 1	Wednesday, June 30	Late Homework Pass
Book 2	Friday, July 23	Free Homework Pass
Book 3	Wednesday, August 18	Late Homework Pass
Mission Accomplished!	All post cards sent on time	+5 points on quiz/test coupon
Book 4	Anytime <i>between</i> June 12 & August 20	3 merits
Book 5	Anytime <i>between</i> June 12 & August 20	Surprise!

**Summary: You may earn TWO late homework passes, ONE free homework pass, FIVE points on a test or quiz, THREE merits, and a surprise if you read five books from the selection list on the back of this sheet.*

The Project

Your first homework assignment for the new school year will be a project related to one or all the books you read this summer. I will give you the details when we are back in school.

Questions? Email Mrs. Pyles at bpyles@pcalions.org.

MEET YOUR DEADLINES!

The Book List

Select books that you **have not already read**. Remember: you must read an **UNABRIDGED** edition (no Great Illustrated copies, please!) These are great stories; you should find several to enjoy!

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND: Watching a movie is NOT reading a book. As many of you saw last year, movies do not always stick to the storyline. If you wish to watch the movie of a book after reading the book, that is fine. However, read the book FIRST!

Biography: You may read a biography about a Christian, historical, or sports figure as **ONE** of your summer books.

Nonfiction: You may read **ONE** nonfiction book about a sport, a historical event, a hobby, etc. Some of C.S. Lewis's nonfiction books would be great reads: *Mere Christianity*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Four Loves*. If you are not sure if a book is acceptable, email me at bpyles@pcalions.org.

Fiction: Because we will be studying British literature this year, all the authors listed are British. You **MUST** read at least **ONE** book from this list and may select all three (or more books) from this list; however, you may not use more than one book in a series, such as *Chronicles of Narnia* for your postcards. Read a variety of authors! **Any fiction books you read MUST come from this list unless approved by the teacher Mrs. Pyles.**

- Austen, Jane – *Emma*, *Sense and Sensibility*.
- Bagnold, Enid. *National Velvet*.
- Blackmore, Richard. *Lorna Doone*. (a long novel, but one of my favorites)
- Bronte, Anne. *Agnes Grey*.
- Bronte, Charlotte. *Jane Eyre*
- Bunyan, John. *Pilgrim's Progress*
- Christie, Agatha. Any of her mysteries – except *Then There Were None* and her short stories.
- Collins, Wilkie. *The Woman in White*. This is one of the earliest detective novels in British literature.
- Dickens, Charles. *David Copperfield*, *Great Expectations*, *Oliver Twist*.
- Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.
- Goldsmith, Oliver. *Vicar of Wakefield*.
- Hardwick, Michael. *The Return of the Hound*. (Read only if you have read Doyle's *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. I have a copy.)
- Hardy, Thomas. *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, *Far from the Madding Crowd*, *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*.
- Holt, Victoria. *Mistress of Mellyn*. (another favorite; not nearly as long as *Lorna Doone*)
- Jacques, Brian. *Mossflower*, *Redwall*.
- Lewis, C. S. *Narnia Chronicles*. (any of the seven books in this series); *Out of the Silent Planet*, *Perelandra*, *That Hideous Strength* (a space trilogy); *The Screwtape Letters* (fiction, but not a novel)
- Orwell, George. *1984*.
- Scott, Sir Walter. *Ivanhoe*, *Waverly*, or any of his other novels.
- Sewell, Anna. *Black Beauty*.
- Shakespeare, William. *King Lear*, *Othello*, and any of his comedies
- Shelley, Mary. *Frankenstein*.
- Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Kidnapped*, *Treasure Island*.
- Swift, Jonathan. *Gulliver's Travels*.
- Thackeray, William. *Vanity Fair*
- Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit*; *Lord of the Rings*. (any of the trilogy)
- Wilde, Oscar. *The Picture of Dorian Gray*
- Wodehouse, P.G. *My Man Jeeves* (or any of the Jeeves novels – not short stories) – These are humorous books – in the style of British humor. Jeeves is the very competent valet to a rather incompetent young man.