

St. Louis School Summer Reading Entering 8th Grade

Happy Summer 8th grade; I hope you all are enjoying time off! Summer reading is a chance for you to explore some great literature during your time away from school. Choose books that interest you that will help you grow as a person, a reader, and a life-long learner! Remember, literature is a spectacular avenue to learn more about the world around you. Happy adventures!

Part 1:

Novel Options:

1. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* Avi
2. *Hiding Place* Corrie ten Boom
3. *Murder on the Orient Express* Agatha Christie
4. *Around the World in 80 Days* Jules Verne, Peter Holeinone
5. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* Frederick Douglass
6. *The Lord of the Rings* J.R.R. Tolkien
7. *Call of the Wild* Jack London
8. *Pride and Prejudice* Jane Austen

Please choose **one** of the above novels and answer the following questions in a well written paragraph (one paragraph total, not one paragraph for each question) (please be honest, you will not hurt my feelings if you do not like the book):

1. Give a short summary (about 3 sentences) of the book.
2. What, if anything, did the book remind you of in your life?
3. Did you enjoy the book? Why or why not?
4. What is the theme of the book (the general life lesson the author wants the reader to learn)?

*You will submit your paragraph on Google Classroom the second week of school.

Part 2:

Pick a saint book of your choosing to read (I suggest checking out the Vision Saint Book Series by Ignatius Press). Read and Enjoy!

Post a book response to the class [Padlet linked here](#). The response should be a minimum of 45 seconds and include

- The name of the saint you chose
- An inspiring fact about the saint
- A way in which the saint inspired you
- And how you want to live differently after reading about the Saint's life