

Oakwood Christian Academy Summer Reading List 2018

Students ENTERING 7th through 10th grade

In order to build student vocabulary, develop critical thinking skills, encourage reading, and prepare for fall classes, OCA has a required reading summer program for students. Students are expected to read **TWO** books over the summer.

The required book for each grade is listed in **bold print**. The other book may be chosen from any other book **on the list for their grade**.

The required book - the title in bold print - will be tested the second week of school in Language Arts. Students who have already read the books should re-read them so that they will be prepared for the test. **No book report will be needed for this book.**

The written book report is due the **first day** of school. These reports are to be written according to the attached guidelines. It is recommended that the book report be done first. Students will be answering the questions about their selected book(s) in full paragraphs. These reports will be worth one test grade for the first quarter. Students must do reports over different books each year.

7th and 8th Grade: **The Running Dream (Van Draanen)** no report on this book

Choose one of the following books to read and answer the assigned questions for:

The False Prince (Nielsen)

No More Dead Dogs (Korman)

**Six Months to Live* (McDaniel)

**Summer's Promise* (Gunn)

Stormbreaker (Horowitz)

**Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25* (Evans)

Classic Options –Worth the read if you are willing to stick with it.

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (Doyle) *And Then There Were None* (Christie)

The Count of Monte Cristo (Dumas)

9th and 10th Grade: **The Hiding Place: The Triumphant True Story of Corrie Ten Boom-**
no report on this book.

Choose one of the following books to read and answer the assigned questions for.

The Running Dream (Van Draanen)

**The Selection* (Cass)

Peak (Smith)

Danger in the Shadows (Henderson)

**Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25* (Evans)

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*Miss Kowalcyk's recommendations :)

\$25 AMAZON GIFT CARD COMPETITION- any book you read on your grade list or by an author on your grade list - in addition to the required two books- will get your name put in a drawing for a gift card. No report needed. Happy Reading!

Oakwood Christian Academy Summer Reading Book Questions
Students entering Seventh through Tenth Grades

Our goal is for our students not only to enjoy their summer reading books but also to use this assignment as an opportunity to improve their analytical and writing skills. It is our desire that students both read the book and think about what they are reading. The following questions are for the second required summer reading book, the book chosen from the grade-specific list (**NOT the book that is in bold that you will be tested over the second week of school**).

Answers may be typed or neatly handwritten. Answers must be the student's own original thoughts. **Plagiarism (using answers off the Internet or passing someone else's thoughts off as your own) will result in a zero on this assignment.**

It is important to organize your thoughts and clearly communicate your ideas. Use the RAFT format to write each of your paragraphs.

R—Restate the question

A—Answer the question asked

F—"For Example" (give specific examples/reasons for your answer)

T—Tie it together (conclude/summarize your main thoughts)

Your report is worth a test grade and is due the **first day** of school. Reports should be **printed** out and ready to turn in at the beginning of class. Grading Rubric: Each paragraph is worth 7 points (4 points-completely answering the question; 2 points-grammar and spelling; 1 point - word choice and sentence flow).

Questions can be sent to Miss Kowalczyk lisakowalczyk@oca.oakwoodbc.org

Your Report

Include a **title page** with the following information: your name, the grade you are entering, the **name** of the book you read and the name of the **author**.

The following questions should be answered in order. You must write a single 5-8 sentence paragraph for **each** question. Use the RAFT format explained above for each paragraph.

- 1. What was your favorite part of the book? Why did you find this part interesting?**
- 2. What is the main conflict (problem) in this book? How did the main character solve that problem?**
- 3. What character do you like best, know someone like, or relate to most? Why?**
- 4. Do you think the title of the book is a good one? Do you think a different title would be better? Write a paragraph explaining what you think about the title.**
- 5. Authors write with the purpose of conveying a message or sharing a value or idea. What do you think was the author's purpose for writing this novel? What did he/she want you to learn or understand about life from the novel?**
- 6. What was your reaction to this book? Did it make you cry, smile, laugh, cheer, angry, fall asleep, etc? Explain your reaction.**
- 7. Do you think this book should remain on the summer reading list? Why or why not?**