

Summer Reading 2023: High School Providence Christian Academy

All summer reading must be completed by the first day of the 2023-2024 school year.

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. Do not handwrite the postcard.

Please email your postcards to bpyles@pcalions.org. Do not use Jupiter or send documents via the Remind app because 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 8, English 9, etc.
- ★ Title and author: **Use correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation** (italicize the title).
- ★ 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. . . .”

EXAMPLE “POSTCARD”

Ima Student
English 6

A Father’s Promise
Donnalynn Hess
135 pages

I read the entire book.
I enjoyed the book because Rudi overcame many problems in Nazi Germany. It was also an interesting way to learn history.

The Assignment and Due Dates

You are to read a minimum of **THREE** books *from the list on the back of this page* and 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 five merits, postcards must be emailed by the due date.**

Book Selection	Due Date	Plan ahead if you choose to read more than 3 books.	Reward*
Book 1	Friday, June 30		Late Homework Pass
Book 2	Friday, July 28		Free Homework Pass
Book 3	Friday, August 25		+5 points on quiz or test coupon
Mission Accomplished!	All post cards sent on time		5 merits
Book 4 (<i>OPTIONAL</i>)	Saturday, August 26		Late Homework Pass #2
Book 5 (<i>OPTIONAL</i>)	Saturday, August 26		+5 pts. on quiz or test coupon #2

***Summary:** You may earn **TWO** late homework passes, **ONE** free homework pass, and **TWO** +5 points on a test or quiz coupon if you read five books from the selection list on the back of this sheet. If you submit all the reports on time, you will also earn **FIVE** merits.

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!

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

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND: Watching a movie is NOT reading a book. 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!

1. **Biography:** You may read a biography about a Christian, historical, or sports figure as **ONE** of your summer books. This is an option, not a requirement.
2. **Fiction:** You **MUST** read at least **TWO** books 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* or *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* for your postcards. Read a variety of authors! **Any fiction books you read MUST come from this list.**

If you decide to read more than three books, you may choose a second biography, a nonfiction book (sports, history, documentary, etc.), or a novel that is not included on the following list – as long as you get it approved by Mrs. Pyles first. However, you must complete your three required books (as specified in #1 and 2 above) first.

- Adams, Douglas. *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*.
- Austen, Jane – *Emma, Sense and Sensibility*.
- Alcott, Louisa May. *Eight Cousins, Rose in Bloom* (Read *Eight Cousins* before reading *Rose in Bloom.*); *Little Women, Little Men, Jo's Boys*. (You should read these three books in the order listed.)
- Bradbury, Ray. *Fahrenheit 451*.
- Bronte, Ann. *Agnes Gray*; Bronte, Charlotte. *Jane Eyre*; Bronte, Emily. *Wuthering Heights*
- Burroughs, Edgar Rice. *Tarzan of the Apes*. (This is an excellent read; much better than the Disney version.)
- Christie, Agatha. Any of her mysteries – except *Then There Were None* and her short stories.
- Dickens, Charles. *Great Expectations, David Copperfield, A Tale of Two Cities, Oliver Twist*
- Douglas, Lloyd C. *The Robe*.
- Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.
- Forbes, Esther. *Johnny Tremain*.
- Grey, Zane. Any of his novels (no short stories). He wrote about the West. I have copies of many of them.
- Hardwick, Michael. *The Return of the Hound*. (Read only if you have read Doyle's *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. I have a copy.)
- Henderson, Dee. Any of the O'Malley Series: *The Negotiator is the first of the series, Danger the Shadows* is a prequel to the series. This is a Christian mystery series with some romance included. Mrs. Bascom and I both have copies.
- Holt, Victoria. *Mistress of Mellyn*. (another favorite; not nearly as long as *Lorna Doone*)
- Jacques, Brian. *Mossflower, Redwall*.
- Latham, Jean Lee. *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*.
- Lee, Harper. *To Kill a Mockingbird*.
- Lewis, C. S. *Narnia Chronicles*. (any of the 7 books in this series); *Space Trilogy* (science fiction, set of 3 novels); *The Screwtape Letters, The Great Divorce*
- London, Jack. *Call of the Wild, White Fang*
- Lowry, Lois. *The Giver*.
- Orczy, Baroness Emmuska. *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. (Great story!)
- Paulson, Gary. *Woods Runner, Mr. Tucket*.
- Porter, Eleanor H. *Pollyanna*.
- Rivers, Francine. *Sons of Encouragement*, a series of 5 books about Bible heroes
- Rivers, Francine. *Lineage of Grace*, a series of 5 books about women of the Bible
- Sachar, Louis. *Holes*.
- Sewell, Anna. *Black Beauty*.
- Sheldon, Charles. *In His Steps*.
- Shelley, Mary. *Frankenstein*.
- Speare, Elizabeth George. *The Bronze Bow, The Witch of Blackbird Pond, Calico Captive*
- Stowe, Harriet Beecher. *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.
- Swift, Jonathan. *Gulliver's Travels*.
- Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit; Lord of the Rings*. (any of the trilogy)
- Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer; Huckleberry Finn; The Prince and the Pauper*
- Wyss, Johann. *Swiss Family Robinson*.