

## 8th Grade Summer Reading

### English and Social Studies

May 8, 2020

#### 8th Grade - ENGLISH

**Text:** *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom

*The Hiding Place* proves that the light of God's love can penetrate even the darkest recesses of despair, places like the Nazi extermination camp at Ravensbruck. After protecting Dutch Jews in a secret room in their home, Corrie ten Boom, her sister, and her father were discovered, arrested, and imprisoned. Only Corrie survived, but her faith in God remained strong. It was so strong that after the war, she could even forgive a former camp guard in a face to face meeting.

**Assignment:** After reading the book, **be prepared to turn in the Parent/Student Signature form** below on the first day of class (see below). It is very important that you read all of this book because we will be using it for our first graded writing assignment in class. There is an **optional** note-taking guide attached for your completion during your reading if you so choose.

## ***The Hiding Place* Note-taking Guide**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Settings:	Brief Description (3-5 bullet points each):

Characters:	Brief Description (1-2 bullet points each):

Chapter Name/#:	Summary (2-4 bullet points of each chapter):

What is the main conflict of the book? (state in 2-4 sentences)

What is the resolution of the book? (state in 2-4 sentences)

What is the main theme of the book? (Explain with details why you think so.) Remember: Theme is seen through the main character's actions, thoughts, and dialogue.

**Parent/Student Signature 8th-grade English Form - 2020**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

I have completely read my assigned Summer Reading English book. The note-taking guide was optional.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please print the form and be ready to turn in **on the first day of school**. These forms will be collected on the first day of school for a grade.

## **8th Grade - World History**

**Please choose only one book from the list below. No written assignment is required.  
(Complete and turn in the Parent/Student Signature form on the first day of class)**

- 1. Book- A Man of Passion and Destiny David by Charles Swindoll  
(1 Samuel and 2 Samuel) As you read this biography on David you should read  
1st and 2nd Samuel as a companion to this book.**

### **Thoughts to meditate on!**

David was a man after God's own heart . . .What does it mean to be someone "after God's own heart?" David, Old Testament shepherd, king, and psalmist, offers an answer in the shape of his own life. In many ways he was a most extraordinary man -- intelligent, handsome, abundantly gifted as a poet, musician, warrior, and administrator. Yet in other ways he was a most ordinary man. Often gripped by destructive passion, rocked by family chaos and personal tragedy, and motivated by political expediency. How did David become the national hero of God's chosen people? Why is he the one character in the Bible described as "a man after God's own heart?" Chuck Swindoll explores the many facets of David, from his teenage years and dysfunctional family life to his overwhelming passion for God. David's life offers hope to all of us. It shows that God can do extraordinary things through ordinary men and women. And *David* offers an insightful perspective on what it means to be truly spiritual, to become like David? Men and women after God's own heart.

- 2. The Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff**

This is a historical adventure novel written by [Rosemary Sutcliff](#) and published in 1954. The story is set in [Roman Britain](#) in the 2nd century AD, after the building of [Hadrian's Wall](#). Discharged because of a battle wound, a young Roman officer Marcus Flavius Aquila tries to discover the truth about the disappearance of his father's legion in northern Britain.

- 3. The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare**

*This novel* was written by Elizabeth George Speare and won the Newbery Medal in 1962. This gripping, action-packed novel tells the story of eighteen-year-old Daniel bar Jamin—a fierce, hotheaded young man bent on avenging his father's death by forcing the Romans from his land of Israel. Daniel's palpable hatred for Romans wanes only when he starts to hear the gentle lessons of the traveling carpenter, Jesus of Nazareth.

**Parent/Student Signature 8th grade Social Studies Form**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

I have completely read my assigned Summer Reading History book.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please print the form and be ready to turn in **on the first day of school**. These forms will be collected on the first day of school.