



Junior High Summer Reading 2024-2025

Below you will find the Bible and English summer reading books and assignments listed by grade. The summer reading assignments will be due the first week of school.

7th Grade

Bible 7

Encounters with Jesus by Timothy Keller

Assignment: Read *Encounters with Jesus*. During the first week of school you will have a **book quiz** consisting of 10 questions, one for each chapter.

If you have questions regarding the assignment contact Mr. Reese at breeze@bcsk12.org. Please note there will most likely be a delayed response due to teachers being off duty in the summer.

English 7

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson (to aid in classroom discussions, we highly recommend purchasing [this edition](#))

Assignment: Read *Treasure Island*, print out the [close-reading notes in this link](#), and fill them out as you read. Bring your completed notes to class with you on the first day of school. During the first week of school, you will discuss the book and complete activities in class related to the text.

If you have questions regarding the assignment contact Mrs. Shoop at hshoop@bcsk12.org. Please note there will most likely be a delayed response due to teachers being off duty in the summer.

8th Grade

Bible 8

The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis

Assignment: After reading *The Magician's Nephew* and the Genesis account of creation, write **two paragraphs comparing and contrasting the creation accounts**. Please use the following guidelines for each paragraph:

Paragraph on Similarities

1. Open with a topic sentence - mention *The Magician's Nephew*, C.S. Lewis, *The Bible*, and your topic (how the two creation accounts are **similar**).
2. Include two examples that illustrate how the two texts are **similar**.
3. Write a concluding sentence for your paragraph.

4. After the paragraph, write a quote from *Magician's Nephew* that illustrates a **similarity** and briefly explain the quote. Cite the page number of the quote.
5. Also write a quote from Genesis that illustrates a **similarity**, and briefly explain the Biblical quote. Cite the chapter and verse of the passage.

Paragraph on Differences

1. Open with a topic sentence - mention *The Magician's Nephew*, C.S. Lewis, *The Bible*, and your topic (how the two creation accounts are **different**).
2. Include two examples that illustrate how the texts are **different**.
3. Write a concluding sentence for your paragraph.
4. After the paragraph, write a quote from *Magician's Nephew* that illustrates a **difference** and briefly explain it. Cite the page number of the quote.
5. Also write a quote from Genesis that illustrates a **difference** and briefly explain it.. Cite the chapter and verse of the passage.

If you have questions regarding the assignment contact Mr. Weide at cweide@bcsk12.org. Please note there will most likely be a delayed response due to teachers being off duty in the summer.

English 8

***The Giver* by Lois Lowry**

Assignment: Read *The Giver* and complete the [close-reading notes in this link](#). Bring your completed notes to class with you on the first day of school. During the first week of school, you will discuss the book and have a writing assignment related to the book.

If you have questions regarding the assignment contact Mrs. Lindley at alindley@bcsk12.org. Please note there will most likely be a delayed response due to teachers being off duty in the summer.

Accelerated English 8

***The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton**

Journal Responses and Critical Thinking

Directions: As you **read** *The Outsiders*, please respond in paragraph form to the following **writing prompts in the link below**. Use complete sentences, correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc. This assignment will be taken up for a grade on the first day of school. [The Outsiders Journal Responses](#)

If you have questions regarding the assignment contact Mrs. Lindley at alindley@bcsk12.org. Please note there will most likely be a delayed response due to teachers being off duty in the summer.