

11th Grade Summer Reading

- CP English students are required to read *Mission Possible* and choose either *Red Badge of Courage* or *Little Women* for a total of two books.
- Honors English students are required to read *Mission Possible*, *The Scarlet Letter*, and choose either *Red Badge of Courage* or *Little Women* for a total of three books.
- Students should be prepared to complete an assignment for each book during the first week of school.

Book 1: *Mission Possible* by Tim Tebow [NOT the Bible study]

For this book, you will answer the questions below for each chapter.

****Questions will be due the first full day of school August 12****

Chapters 1 and 2

1. When you hear the word *purpose*, what comes to mind?
2. Think about things you interact with every day. What things, objects, or people have purpose in your life?
3. What are some things in your life that have prevented you from doing what you may have sensed God calling you to do? Looking back, what would you have done differently?
4. “Your purpose in life is not just about you.” Where in your life does your pursuit of purpose need to grow in the investments you’re making in others?
5. Read pg. 35 in the book again. What are two ways you can express confidence in God, thereby experiencing joy in Him, while living a mission possible life?

Chapters 3 and 4

1. A critical part of living a mission-possible life is trusting the plan of God. Identify a job or task that you don’t necessarily enjoy and explain why you don’t like it.
2. Part of trusting the plan of God is transcending whatever we do, wherever we are. How can you give God glory in and through the situation you wrote about in question 1?
3. Write about someone in your life, past or present, who made a positive impression on your life because he or she genuinely cared for you and invested in your well-being and success as an individual. How has that influenced you?
4. Name a crisis, tragedy, or hardship you experienced that God used for a greater purpose.
5. If you truly believe that God has created each of us with unique gifts and abilities and that we each have unique experiences for unique purposes, how does that change how you view your worth and the worth of others?

Chapters 5

1. We don’t always know what God is up to, and we must make peace with this fact. Give an example of how you have experienced this truth in your life. Is there anything you’re currently questioning?
2. How has Jesus given you confidence and hope in the midst of the unknowns?
3. How often do you struggle with worry? In what ways do you try to trust God rather than allow doubt and the pressures of uncertainty to dampen your faith?
4. Name an instance in which you were forced to do away with your plan B and take a leap of faith, believing that God would provide and come through for you? How has that experience strengthened your faith?
5. Reread pgs. 78-79. How does the truth that God is God and you are not encourage you?

Chapters 6 and 7

1. Has God ever pricked your heart or opened your eyes to a problem, to a people group, to someone hurting, to someone or something in need? If so, for whom or for what?
2. Describe how you have experienced resistance in your spiritual journey.
3. What is the connection between the Christian faith and the cost of discipleship?
4. Reread pg. 97. What sacrifices have you made as your spiritual service of worship? What sacrifices do you wish you would have made? What sacrifices do you want to make now?
5. Name one way you can trust God more than the negative emotions that overwhelm you.

Chapters 8 and 9

1. Describe a time in your life when you had the opportunity to show love in a painful situation.
2. After reading about the story of Jeff and Becky Davidson, how does Becky's faith encourage you to live?
3. Talk about someone in your life who, despite some type of limitation or difficulty, is a living testament of consistency, passion, joy, and grace in shining the light of Jesus in this world of darkness. What do you think is his or her motivation? How has this person's example influenced who you are?
4. Reread pg. 142. Name a time when your commitment to what God has called you to do was threatened because the stress became too great. What was the outcome? Looking back, what could you have done differently?
5. Reread pg. 143. It says, "You have to live with open eyes to see the needs, an open heart to love, and open hands to serve." How would you say your life, right now, reflects this statement?

Chapter 10

1. As you reflect on your life, what is something you have chased that wasn't worth it?
2. In the movie *Gladiator*, the main character, Maximus Decius Meridius, says, "What we do in life echoes in eternity." What do you want your echo to be? How do you want to be remembered?
3. Name three ways you can make your life count.
4. How do you define a life well lived? How does your definition differ from the perspective a nonbeliever might have?
5. Reread pg.176. Write a mission statement for your life.

Book 2: Choose one of the following:

***Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott**

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***The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane**

Little Women: As you are reading, pay close attention to and annotate for the following theme topics:

- Power
- Selflessness
- Independence
- Femininity and the Role of Women

The Red Badge of Courage: As you are reading, pay close attention to and annotate for the following theme topics:

- Fear and Courage
- Duty
- Warfare
- Defining Manhood

Book 3: *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne (Required for Honors ONLY)

As you are reading, pay close attention to and annotate for the following theme topics:

- Sin
- Individuality vs. Conformity
- Guilt
- Justice and Judgment