

St. Louis School
2024 Summer ELA
Entering 8th Grade

Happy Summer, 8th grade! Summer reading is a chance for you to explore some great literature during your time away from school. Choose books that interest you that will help you grow as a person, a reader, and a life-long learner! Please do not wait until the end of the summer to read! Good literature is like an enormous feast. It should be received slowly and joyfully or it will give you indigestion. Enjoy!

Part 1:

Novel Options:

1. *The Hiding Place* Corrie ten Boom
2. *Frankenstein* Mary Shelley
3. *A Man for All Seasons* Robert Bolt
4. *Call of the Wild* Jack London
5. *The Hobbit* J.R.R. Tolkien
6. *Pride and Prejudice* Jane Austen

Please choose **one** of the above novels and answer the following questions in 150-250 words (150-250 words altogether, not for each question).

1. Give a short summary of the book.
2. What, if anything, did the book remind you of in your life?
3. Did you enjoy the book? Why or why not?
4. What is the theme of the book (the general life lesson the author wants the reader to learn)?

*You will submit your paragraph on Google Classroom the second week of school.

Part 2:

Pick a saint book of your choosing to read (the Vision Saint Book Series by Ignatius Press is a great resource). Read and Enjoy!

Some recommendations for saint reading:

1. *Joan of Arc* Mark Twain (long, but incredible)
2. *Something Beautiful for God* Malcolm Muggeridge (short and sweet- Mother Teresa)
3. *The Spirit of Father Damien: The Leper Priest* Jan De Volder
4. *Story of a Soul* Therese of Lisieux
5. *Saint Thomas Aquinas* GK Chesterton

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Prepare a short speech to be given at the beginning of the year that addresses the Saint book you read. The response should include:

- The name of the saint you chose with a brief description of his or her life
- An inspiring fact about the saint
- A way in which the saint inspired you
- And how you want to live differently after reading about the Saint's life