



**Catholic Academy of Sussex County  
Summer Reading Assignment for  
Students Entering 7th Grade 2024 – 2025**

1. Students entering **seventh grade** in September are required to read a biography or an autobiography that is **on grade level** and of personal interest. A sports figure, historical figure, singer, or political figures are some possibilities.
  
2. Students are then required to complete a **Newspaper Project** to share their information. See project details attached.

**Overview of Project:**

- As you read your book, take notes on what you consider to be important, relevant information. Record dates where possible.
- When you finish reading, use a template of your choice to write a newspaper including all the sections listed in the directions.
- Be sure to answer all the questions in each feature.
- The newspaper should contain clear sections and headlines, complete sentences, and appropriate pictures.
- The newspaper may be **submitted via email** to your teacher any time after the first day of school (Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>).
  - Teachers will provide students with their emails on the first day. They are also available on the school website. Further explanation and directions concerning submissions will be given the first week of school.

**THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL COUNT AS A TEST GRADE.  
PROJECTS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024.**

## Directions:

Each section should contain a typed explanation of the information below.

- Include the following categories in your presentation:
  - a. Name of newspaper:
    - i. Include the name of the person chosen/novel, author, and your name at the top.
  - b. Feature 1: Summary
    - i. Write a summary of your book.
    - ii. Make sure your summary answers the 5 W's
      1. Who- person you chose
      2. What- they have accomplished
      3. Where- significant places
      4. When- significant dates
      5. Why- they are known
    - iii. Create a headline that relates to the summary.
  - c. Feature 2: Advice Column
    - i. Pretend your person wrote a short advice column giving advice about a major problem he/she faces in his/her life.
    - ii. Create a headline that relates to the article.
  - d. Feature 3: Book Review
    - i. Write a review for the book you read.
    - ii. Explain your likes and dislikes. To whom would you recommend this book? Why?
    - iii. Create a headline for your book review.
  - e. Feature 4: Editorial
    - i. Choose an issue your person faced in his/her and take a position on it.
    - ii. Write a letter to the editor describing how you feel about this issue. Think carefully and honestly about what you want to say.
    - iii. Create a headline for the editorial.
  - f. Feature 5: Quote
    - i. Choose any significant quote that your person has said or a quote that represents your person.
    - ii. Explain the quote in your own words.
    - iii. Create a headline for the editorial
  - g. Feature 6: Pictures
    - i. Include at least 3 pictures with captions highlighting events from the person's life.

# Newspaper Project Rubric

Use the rubric below as a checklist to ensure you have included everything that is required on your project. Good luck and have fun!

	Possible Points	Teacher	Comments
<b>Layout- Headlines &amp; Sections</b> 1. Has name of bio/autobiography and author 2. Has name of student 3. Headlines and sections stand out	5		
<b>Features</b> 1. Each feature is answered completely 2. Evidence from the novel is provided 3. Each feature is typed in sentence/paragraph form 4. Pictures include captions	60		
<b>Grammar/Spelling</b> 1. Student used proper grammar and mechanics 2. Words are spelled and used correctly 3. It is evident that the student edited work before submitting	20		
<b>Presentation and Creativity</b> 1. Information is clearly stated and easy to read 2. Pictures and sections are not crowded 3. Student used different colors, fonts, etc. to show creativity	15		
<b>Total Points Possible/Point Earned</b>	<b>100</b>		

**\*\* This assignment will be counted as a test grade. \*\***