8th Grade Church History Summer Reading Guide
The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare

****This Reading Guide is meant to be a resource to help as you read over the summer. You are not expected to come into class with these answers filled out on the first day, but it will be helpful for you to look at this as you read and use it as you prepare for your summer reading assessment that your teacher will assign after the first day of classes.****

In selecting *The Bronze Bow* for your Summer Reading, the Religion Department chose a story set in the time of the Roman occupation of the Holy Land, when Jesus was teaching. In a sense, the political situation faced by the young men and women could be translated into the struggles of our Human Family in our own century. Certainly the coming to grips with the Presence and Teaching of Jesus is put forward as a challenge in soulful decision-making for persons in any time and place.

Main Characters

Daniel; Joel; Malthace; Rosh; Samson; Marcus; Leah

Character Reflections

What motivates Daniel at the beginning of the novel?

How does Daniel view Rosh?

How is Jesus' message different than Rosh's message?

How does Joel view Samson, how does this view change as the novel continues?

Summary Questions

What do the zealots desire at this time period?

Why or why not would the Jewish people be open to Jesus' message?

Does Jesus' message connect to non Jewish people, why or why not?