

Blessed Trinity Catholic School
Entering 7th Grade (2022-2023)
Middle School Language Arts Summer Reading

Required Reading: You will read **two books** for summer reading before 7th grade. You will take an AR quiz on *And Then There Were None*. If you write (by hand) one page of notes for each book, you are free to use those notes on the AR quizzes. You will write a paper for **both** books.

1. Read *And Then There Were None* by **Agatha Christie** Write an 800-1000-word paper. Evaluate the plot, the main characters, and major themes in the book. Give your opinion of the book – state this as a thesis statement at the end of your introduction. Use quotes from the text (at least five). Your paper should be written in paragraph form with an introduction, two to three body paragraphs, and conclusion. Cite page numbers with the author’s last name in parentheses for your quotes. Make sure to check your grammar, spelling, and punctuation. You need a Works Cited page as the last page of your document. An MLA heading, original title and your last name and corresponding page numbers are needed. Include a bolded word count.

2. Read a book of your choice from the below list. Evaluate the plot, the main characters, and major themes in the book. Give your opinion of the book – state this as a thesis statement at the end of your introduction. Use quotes from the text (at least five). Your paper should be written in paragraph form with an introduction, two to three body paragraphs, and conclusion. Cite page numbers with the author’s last name in parentheses for your quotes. Make sure to check your grammar, spelling, and punctuation. You need a Works Cited page as the last page of your document. An MLA heading, original title and your last name and corresponding page numbers are needed. Include a bolded word count.

Book list:

Animal Farm, George Orwell
Coraline, Neil Gaiman
Chains, Laurie Halse Anderson
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon
Fever 1793, Laurie Halse Anderson
Fish in a Tree, Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Flush, Carl Hiaasen
Freak the Mighty, Rodman Philbrick
Loser, Jerry Spinelli
Love and First Sight, Josh Sundquist
Love, Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
Maniac Magee, Jerry Spinelli
Prince Caspian, C.S. Lewis
Space Station Seventh Grade, Jerry Spinelli
Stargirl, Jerry Spinelli
The Tequila Worm, Viola Canales
Under the Mesquite, Guadalupe Garcia McCall
The Valiant, Lesley Livingston
The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, C.S. Lewis