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6th Grade Summer Reading Project

Due Date: August 25th 2026

This Reading assignment is for all incoming 6th graders at Victory Christian School. We value the skill of reading and recognize the importance of continuing to read over the summer to help eliminate the summer slide. I also hope these books continue to cultivate a love of lifelong reading.

Please select one book from the attached list. The student can read it independently or as a family, as this creates a shared experience. I would advise having a journal or sticky notes with you as you read to jot down characters, parts of the plot, figurative language, new words that you find and overall thoughts. We will use the basis of these books throughout the year so please read them thoroughly.

When you have completed reading you will complete the "One Pager." You will need to print off both pages to see the instructions and the page to turn in. The One Pager should be full of color, design, and creativeness in style, with no white spaces. Be sure to write legibly and keep your One Pager neat.

If you have any questions throughout the summer, you may email me at diser@victory.com. If you enroll after July 31 your project is due September 8th.

Enjoy your summer,

Ms. Iser



1. My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Sam Gribble announces he's going to run away; and does so. After listening to countless stories of how Gribble's aren't made for the land, he runs away to his ancestors' farm up in the Catskill Mountains. Learning to survive with his wits and the help of the resources in a local library, he learns self-reliance as he fashions a home, catches his own food, and trains a falcon. A classic for thousands of young readers, this Newbery Honor book will enthrall all young girls and boys who've ever loved the woods. Recommended for ages 8 to 1, 177 pages, softcover. A 1960 Newbery Honor Book.

2. Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Set in the bleak times of the Dust Bowl, award-winning author Karen Hesse crafts a poetic tale of one girl's coming of age. Told in journal-like free-verse, the story of Billie Jo and the accident that would change her life is told with exquisite wording and detail. 227 pages, softcover. Newbery Award Winner.

3. Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

It is 1943 in Denmark, when ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen's family takes in her best friend Ellen and poses her as a member of the family. Ellen is Jewish and Jewish people all over the country, and Europe, are being taken by the Nazis and put into Jewish ghettos and concentration camp. This Newbery Medal winner chronicles the life of this family, the hardships they must face and the heroic decisions that they are forced to make.

4. Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

When orphaned Mary Lennox, sickly and lonely and cross, comes to live at her uncle's great house on the Yorkshire moors, she finds it full of secrets. Down a corridor of empty rooms, she hears someone crying in the night. Outside, she meets Dickon, a magical boy who can charm the wild animals and birds or the countryside. And a robing Mary has befriended shows her the way to a walled, locked garden that has been completely for- gotten for years and years. Is everything in the garden dead, or can Mary make it grow again?



5. *Souder* by William H. Armstrong

A landmark in children's literature, winner of the 1970 Newbery Medal and the basis of an acclaimed film, Souder traces the keen sorrow and the abiding faith of a poor African-American boy in the 19th-century South. The boy's father is a sharecropper, struggling to feed his family in hard times. Night after night, he and his great coon dog, Souder, return to the cabin empty-handed. Then one morning, almost like a miracle, a sweet-smelling ham is cooking in the family's kitchen. At last the family will have a good meal. But that night, an angry sheriff and his deputies come, and the boy's life will never be the same. Recommended for age 10 and up. The 1970 Newbery Medal winner.

6. *The Bronze Bow*

This gripping, action-packed novel tells the story of eighteen-year-old Daniel bar Jamin—a fierce, hotheaded young man bent on revenging his father's death by forcing the Romans from his land of Israel. Daniel's palpable hatred for Romans wanes only when he starts to hear the gentle lessons of the traveling carpenter, Jesus of Nazareth. A fast-paced, suspenseful, vividly wrought tale of friendship, loyalty, the idea of home, community . . . and ultimately, as Jesus says to Daniel on page 224: "Can't you see, Daniel, it is hate that is the enemy? Not men. Hate does not die with killing. It only springs up a hundredfold. The only thing stronger than hate is love." A powerful, relevant read in turbulent times.

One Pager Book Report

A One Pager Book Report is designed to let you show and tell about the book or novel you have read in a way that is different than your standard Book Report.

A One Pager Book Report is creative and unique, just like you are! Use color! Use color! Use color for pictures and text.

You may write in full sentences, paragraphs, bullet points, or use a powerful word to tell about your book. Use illustrations to show your understanding in a variety of ways.

Directions

On your One Pager Book Report, use this guide to help you fill in the spaces.

- Author/Title – The title and name of the author of the novel
- Main Character – Describe and/or draw the main character
- Supporting Character – Describe and/or a character that was not the main character.
- Theme – Write the theme of the novel. The theme is the message the author wanted you to learn from the novel.
- Setting – Describe and/or draw the setting.
- Connection – Describe and/draw a connection you made to the text.
- Opinion – Describe and/or draw your opinion of the novel.
- Climax – Describe the most exciting part of the novel. The action that changed the main character.
- Vocabulary – Choose three words that would be difficult for a younger student, write them, then define them with words or a drawing.

