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**Victory Christian Academy**

**Summer Reading: Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Dear Parents,

Your child has received the following summer reading assignment. Each student should choose two titles (that they have not read before) from the list below, and write a book report for each. Students will receive one test grade in the first quarter for completing this assignment. Follow the guidelines below for this assignment.

Paragraph One: The first sentence should give the name of the book, the author, and the main idea of the story. Then give at least two sentence details (setting, number of pages, etc.) about the book. The last sentence should tell the lesson taught or the moral of the story.

Paragraph Two: Write a one paragraph summary of the book.

Paragraph Three: Write a character sketch of the main character in one paragraph. Give details about what the character was like, how he or she behaved, and what was important to the character in the story. You may include details about what the character looked like. Do not draw a picture!!

Paragraphs Four-Six : Choose three quotations from the story that are important or inspiring and tell why those lines are important. Use at least three detail sentences to support the quotation in each paragraph.

Format your book report with your name, and the date in the upper right hand corner. Do not label your paragraphs. Write this like a standard report. Reports should use a standard 12 point font, be double spaced and be at least two pages in length. Don't use any additional spaces between the paragraphs. Be sure to read adult (unabridged, full text) versions, not children's shortened versions of these books.

**Reading List:**

*The Red Badge of Courage* Stephen Crane

*The Chosen* Chaim Potok

*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* Frederick Douglass

*The Call of the Wild* Jack London

*Little Women* Louisa May Alcott

*The Time Machine* H. G. Wells

*The Hobbit* J. R. R. Tolkien

*The Diary of Anne Frank* Anne Frank

*Common Sense* Thomas Paine

*Lyddie* Katherine Paterson

*The Cay* Theodore Taylor

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland or Through the Looking Glass* Lewis Carroll

*The Secret Garden* Frances Hodgson Burnett

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* Mark Twain

If you have any questions please contact the school at (804) 262-8256.

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Sasser

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