

## REQUIRED SUMMER READING FOR UPCOMING SIXTH GRADE

Over the summer your child will be required to read TWO books and complete the required assignment for BOTH novels. (Assignment sheets are attached). Also attached are key literature elements they will need to know to complete the required assignment. Assignments will be turned in the first day of school (Friday, August 4, 2017) to your child's literature teacher. It will be their first two grades of the year. To complete the novels and assignments, it is important that your child reads every day.

### MANDATORY READING—

Behind the Bedroom Wall by Laura E. Williams

### SELECTED READING—

Any book from:

The Prince Warrior series by Priscilla Shirer  
Sons of Angels series by Jerel Law  
The Kingdom series by Chuck Black  
The Knights of Arrethtrae series by Chuck Black  
The Wingfeather Saga series by Andrew Peterson  
The Book of the King series by Jerry B. Jenkins  
The Mandie Collection by Lois Gladys Leppard

A Case for Christ for kids by Lee Strobel  
Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity in the Midst of Life's Storms by Tim Tebow  
Through My Eyes by Tim Tebow  
The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett  
The Lost Medallion: The Adventures of Billy Stone by Bill Muir and Alex Kendrick  
Bonhoeffer Student Edition by Eric Metaxas  
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor  
Joni: An Unforgettable Story by Joni Eareckson Tada  
The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth Speare

These books may be checked out from local libraries, purchased at book stores, or ordered online.

[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

[www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com)

[www.cbd.com](http://www.cbd.com)

If you have trouble locating books, please call the school office.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Date reading was completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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A. Main Character \_\_\_\_\_

What does the main character want?

What is the main conflict?

B. Rising and Falling Action

Explain the rising action. (What steps does the main character take to get what he/she wants: (actions))

Explain the falling action. Is the main character static or dynamic? What does he/she learn about others and the world?

C. Theme

What lesson does the author want you to learn? Cite specific examples and/or use page numbers to explain your answer.

Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Cite Evidence \_\_\_\_\_

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D. Using a separate sheet of paper, write three to five paragraphs summarizing the book. (Be sure to use complete sentences, correct grammar, proper punctuation.)

E. Make your own connection to the character, setting, theme OR conflict:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ happened in the book.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ happened to me.(describe)
  3. What is the connection between the two?
- F. Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not?

**Key Literature Elements to know:**

- 1. Conflict: Conflict is the struggle between two opposing forces, or a problem that must be solved.**
- 2. Rising Action: In the rising action, a series of events build toward the point of greatest interest.**
- 3. Falling Action: Falling action is made up of the events after the climax (most intense part of the story) of a story that wraps up the plot and leads to resolution (end).**
- 4. Theme: the subject of the novel or piece of literature**
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**Sixth Grade Reading Guide SELECTED READING**

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