

## **West Side Summer Reading 2025**

### **Summer Reading Requirement (100 pts):**

- Each student will keep a journal of one (1) fiction book from the list provided below.
  - Must turn in ONE spiral bound notebook or binder. Journals can be typed (preferred) or written. A physical copy of the journal must be turned in.
  - A journal entry will be kept for EACH chapter of the required book. Entries **MUST** include:
    - A list of each character appearing in a chapter.,
    - In only a few words, give basic information about each character (if the character is appearing for the first time)
    - On the first line, include the date, pages read, and chapter title (if applicable).
    - Skip one line, then write one 5-7 sentence summary of the chapter read.
    - Give at least 2 additional sentences as a personal reflection about the portion read. How has this portion affected you personally? (Thoughts, feelings, etc)
    - If reading *Screwtape Letters* (10th grade), you will be required to write 2-3 lines of summary and 5-7 on personal reflection on EVERY 2 chapters, not every single chapter.
- \*\*\*Be sure to add a quote which you found enlightening from each chapter. Tell why. This can be part of your 5-7 sentence reflection.
- At the end of your journal, include a half page paragraph on your overall opinion of the book. Did you enjoy the book? Can you relate to any of the characters? Which is your favorite character? Least favorite? Did you like the plot? Were there holes in the plot? Etc.
  - For 9th-12th grade, students must also take the accompanying BOOK QUIZ. Reach out to one of your teachers to take it this summer or take it when you get back to school.
  - This assignment, *along with the completion form attached*, will be due the first day of school this fall (August 2025) but can be turned in at any time this summer.

**Book Options (contact your teacher if you have already read):**

6th grade:

*The Jungle Books* by Rudyard Kipling

7th grade:

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkein

8th grade:

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkein

9th grade:

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkein

10th grade:

*Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

11th grade:

*A Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne

12th grade:

*Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens

## West Side Christian School Summer 2024 Reading Assignment Completion Form

Signing this form is an indication of a student's good faith effort to read the text of the assigned books completely rather than in a superficial manner. Reading Cliff Notes, Spark Notes, Pink Monkey, Barron's, etc., and or watching a movie version are NOT substitutes for reading the book. Such activities do not qualify a student as having completed the summer reading requirement nor do they promote the growth in language and imaginative experience that we view as important for our students. Achievement of high scores on the ACT and other standardized tests shows a direct relationship to the amount of time a student spends reading, acquiring comprehension skills and vocabulary. The student must read the selected books this summer and not fill out the report based on having read or listened to the book in the past.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Percentage read: \_\_\_\_\_%

On my honor and the honor of Christ, I have completely read the complete and unabridged text of the summer reading book listed below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature and Date

Title/Date Completed

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*For the parents:*

To the best of my knowledge, the information above is correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature and Date