



## Entering Eighth Grade Summer Reading Requirements 2017-2018



### Religion: Read the “Acts of the Apostles” Found in the Bible

- An assignment will be completed on the “Acts of the Apostles” in Religion class. Please read and take Cornell Notes on important events in each chapter. These notes must be received by the Miss Shearer on the first day of school for full credit.

### English and Literature: Read One (1) Fiction and One (1) Nonfiction Book from List

- AR Tests must be taken on your chosen summer reading books the week you receive your laptop. Eighth Grade AR Goal Trimester 1: 25 points.
- Students must choose books from the list provided. You must read one fiction book and one non-fiction book.
  - After reading your chosen fiction and nonfiction books, complete the RESPONSE below. Completed RESPONSES must be received by the teacher on the first day of school for full credit.
    - Fiction Response
      - Provide a rich, full description of the place(s) and the time period
      - Identify the protagonist(s). Provide rich descriptions of two or three main characters. List the names of other important characters.
      - Identify the protagonist’s one, primary conflict. Be succinct but clear in your explanation.
      - Provide a succinct plot synopsis. Be sure that your summary includes details about the rising action, climax, and resolution.
      - Give specific reasons for what you liked and didn’t like about this book. Be thoughtful and detailed.
    - Non-Fiction Response
      - Explain in detail why this book was written. Identify and explain the type of information that it provides.
      - Identify and explain one or two problems explored in the book. What solutions were explored or found?
      - Identify two or three new vocabulary terms/words you encountered in the book, and define them as they are used in the book.
      - Identify and explain several interesting facts you learned from reading this book.
      - Give specific reasons for what you liked and didn’t like about this book. Be thoughtful and detailed.

| Title   | Author           | F/NF       | Book Level | AR Points | Word Count |
|---|------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| <i>The Hobbit</i>                                 | J.R.R. Tolkien   | Fiction    | 6.6        | 16.0      | 95,022     |
| <i>Before We Were Free</i>                        | Julia Alvarez    | Fiction    | 5.6        | 8.0       | 48,212     |
| <i>Pieces of Georgia</i>                          | Jennifer Bryant  | Fiction    | 5.6        | 4.0       | 23,633     |
| <i>Counting by 7's</i>                            | Holly Sloan      | Fiction    | 5.6        | 10.0      | 62,677     |
| <i>A Separate Peace</i>                           | John Knowles     | Fiction    | 6.9        | 10.0      | 56,787     |
| <i>Soul Surfer</i>                                | Bethany Hamilton | Nonfiction | 6.0        | 5.0       | 30,303     |
| <i>Four Perfect Pebbles: A Holocaust Story</i>    | Lila Perl        | Nonfiction | 7.3        | 4.0       | 22,272     |
| <i>Gifted Hands</i>                               | Ben Carson       | Nonfiction | 6.8        | 11.0      | 68,301     |
| <i>Heroes of 9/11</i>                             | Allan Zullo      | Nonfiction | 6.9        | 7.0       | 42,524     |
| <i>War in the Middle East: A Reporter's Story</i> | Wilborn Hampton  | Nonfiction | 7.4        | 4.0       | 23,595     |

## Cornell Notes

This is the basic outline for Cornell Notes. You may type or handwrite your notes for your religion reading assignment.

**Cornell Notes**

Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

| <b>Cue Column</b>   | <b>Note-taking Column</b>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Key words</li><li>- Key questions</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Key ideas</li><li>- Important dates, people, places</li><li>- Diagrams and pictures</li><li>- Formulas</li><li>- Repeated (stressed) information</li></ul> |

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**Summary**

- Summary of your notes in your own words