

Summer 2023 Reading Assignments

English (Grades 6-8)

Each student rising into grades 6-8 must read the required text for their grade and complete the accompanying assignment. This will be due on the first Monday of school (Monday, August 14, 2023). Students will discuss the summer reading text as a class when they return to school in August, so English teachers are expecting students to do this assignment well in order to contribute to class discussions and complete other assignments during Quarter 1.

Please follow these directions in order to ensure success for this assignment. Students should pace themselves in order to complete this assignment before school begins. Assignments submitted after the due date will incur a 25% late penalty until Wednesday, August 16, and a 50% penalty until Friday, August 18. Students who enroll at CPS after August 3, 2023, will have two weeks (ten school days) to complete their work. Students who enroll after August 21, 2023, are excused from this assignment.

Grades 6-8 Tasks:

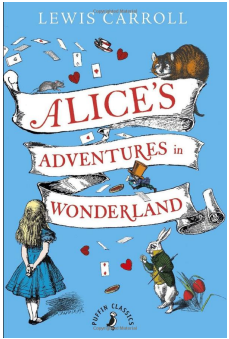
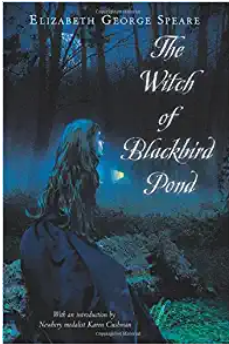
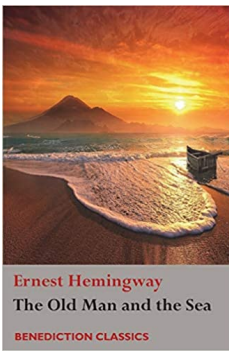
- **Read the Novel**
 - Students will need a copy of the assigned novel for that grade level, so we recommend that students purchase a copy of the book (see ISBN numbers below). Teachers will expect students to have this novel in class for the first three weeks of school. Students do have questions to answer and can expect to complete a test and some writing activities in August upon returning to class.
- **Complete the Reading Questions (100 points)**
 - Write answers on notebook paper and clearly label each answer per question.
 - Whenever you see (paragraph), **you must follow this format** and write at least 8 sentences per answer to earn full credit:
 - Topic Sentence
 - Point 1
 - Explanation of Point 1
 - Point 2
 - Explanation of Point 2
 - Point 3
 - Explanation of Point 3
 - Concluding Sentence
- **Complete the Theme Examples (50 points)**
 - In each chapter, find at least one sentence or example that connects to the big idea of _____ (see page 3) that you find intriguing or thought-provoking, or that leads to a question about the text. Write this example down on notebook paper.
 - Then, include an explanation to remind yourself why you chose that sentence. These explanations might include important information, something new that you learned, something you have a question about, or something that you found interesting.
 - Write answers on notebook paper and clearly label each answer per chapter.
- **Be prepared for a test and essay the first full week of school**

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Summer Work Pacing Guide <i>Fill out the following chart to determine when and how you will complete your summer reading and assignments.</i>	
WEEK	ASSIGNMENT SECTION TO COMPLETE
1	
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DUE DATE	School begins on Thursday, August 10, 2023. Assignment due on Monday, August 14, 2023, for full credit (see details on page 1).

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GRADE FOR 23-24	TEXT		ASSIGNMENT
6	<p><u><i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i></u> by Lewis Carroll ISBN: 979-8-472-17715-3</p> <p>Direct any questions to Mrs. Richelle Solanes rsolanes@classicalprep.org</p>		<p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As you read this novel, think about the theme of fortitude (persevering and pushing through difficult tasks as well as standing up to fear in order to do the right thing). <p>Tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the Novel Complete the Reading Questions Complete the Theme Examples
7	<p><u><i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i></u> by Elizabeth George Speare ISBN: 978-0-547-55029-9</p> <p>Direct any questions to Mrs. Alicia Clayton aclayton@classicalprep.org</p>		<p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As you read this novel, think about the theme of identity (Who am I? Who do others want me to be? Who should I be?). <p>Tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the Novel Complete the Reading Questions Complete the Theme Examples
8	<p><u><i>The Old Man and the Sea</i></u> by Ernest Hemingway ISBN: 978-1-781-39680-3</p> <p>Direct any questions to Mrs. Alicia Clayton aclayton@classicalprep.org</p>		<p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As you read this novel, think about the theme of the individual vs. society (What is one's role within society? How does one contribute to the community?). <p>Tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the Novel Complete the Reading Questions Complete the Theme Examples

Summer Reading Questions

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Instructions:

- Answer the following questions about your grade level's summer reading book.
- Whenever you see (paragraph), **you must follow this format:** Topic Sentence, Point 1, Explanation of Point 1, Point 2, Explanation of Point 2, Point 3, Explanation of Point 3, Concluding Sentence (8 sentences total).

Element	Points Possible	Points Earned
1. Summary: A summary is a brief statement or account of the main points of something. Write a 1-2 sentence summary for each chapter in your novel. You can write each of these on the same piece of notebook paper, and please label them with the correct chapter number.	30	
2. Characters: A character is any person, animal, or figure represented in a story. Your novel is filled with all sorts of different characters. Which character is the most important? How does this character grow and change throughout the story? Use three examples from the story to support your answer (include page numbers). (paragraph)	10	
3. Setting: The setting is all the details of the time and place in which the story occurs. The conflict is the problem at the root of a story's action. How is the main setting of the story a conflict for the characters? Use three examples from the story to support your answer (include page numbers). (paragraph)	10	
4. Conflict and Resolution: The resolution is the solution to the conflict or problem. How is the conflict in your novel resolved, and how does that impact the characters? Use three examples from the story to support your answer (include page numbers). (paragraph)	10	
5. Theme: A theme is a lesson or main idea in a story or book. Why do you think the author wrote this story? What lesson (or lessons) was he/she trying to teach his readers? Use three examples from the story to support your answer (include page numbers). (paragraph)	10	
6. 10 Habits: Of the 10 Classical Prep habits, which do you see the most examples of in your novel? Provide three examples to support your answer (include page numbers). (paragraph)	10	
7. Reflection: What surprised you most when reading your novel? Provide three examples to support your answer (include page numbers). (paragraph)	10	
8. Reflection: What is one thing you don't want to forget from this book? This could be your favorite scene, an important lesson, or something you learned. Provide three examples to support your answer (include page numbers). (paragraph)	10	
TOTAL	100	