



CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear High School Parents,

At Cornerstone Christian School, we believe in preparing all of our students for consistent academic excellence. Part of this is keeping students minds academically active through the summer months, continuing to develop their fluency and reading skills through the summer. With this principle in mind, we ask all of our high school students to engage in a summer reading assignment.

Summer is a time of relaxation and quality time with family, but in the midst of that, we believe it is important to keep students' minds academically active and engaged. To encourage continued learning during the summer months and to prepare students to begin their fall English program, Cornerstone has a required summer reading program for all students entering grades 9-12. Many of the literary works are challenging, and reading usually invites conversation, so you may enjoy reading the literature along with your student to share in his/her learning experience.

Finally, each entering grade level is assigned its own selections and assignments. The summer reading assignments function as an introductory assessment of students to help inform teachers of the strengths and weaknesses of their classes. Therefore, it is important that each student completes their assignment before starting the school year. This year reading assignments will be due **The First Day of School**. Assignments can be submitted any time before the due date, emailed as an attachment to Mrs. Arnold at the email address listed below. Please have your student carefully read the assignment for his/her class. If you are unsure of your class assignment, please contact Mrs. Arnold for clarification.

Mrs. Arnold: earnold@ccsnebraska.org

Enjoy all your summer reading!

Sincerely,

Emma Arnold
High School English Teacher

Summer Reading Assignment for Incoming Freshmen

Intro to Literature

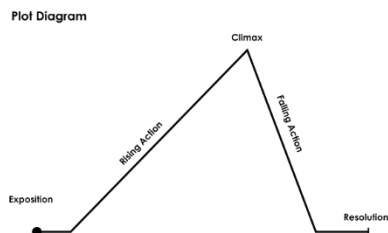
Please read one book from the list below. Once you have read the book of your choice, use the requirements provided to complete your Summer Reading Assignment.

Once you have read your story of choice, create an infographic chart to visually display various aspects of the story you have read. The following categories must be included to receive full points on the assignment; characters, setting, structure, conflict, and theme of the story.

Characters: Please choose the main characters of the story, including their morals, motivations, and growth (or lack thereof) throughout the story. You may choose to make a list of these characteristics underneath the various characters you will be highlighting.

Setting: You may either choose to find images that display the setting of the story, or you may make a list of characteristics of the setting. Please clearly label which setting belongs with which images/characteristics if there are multiple settings described by the book.

Structure: Please create a plot graph of the novel with clearly labeled events throughout the plot of the story. Each event must be categorized by the following: exposition/inciting incident, rising action, climax, falling action, or dénouement. Please note that multiple events should be included in categories that cover most of the plot such as the rising action and falling action categories. A sample plot graph has been included below:



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With the infographic chart, also provide a document with short paragraph summaries of each chapter of the book clearly titled. Each aspect of the novel listed above must be completed on a one-page infographic. This assignment should be created digitally and submitted via email as a PDF attachment. Some digital resources to create an infographic are: Canva.com, PowerPoint slides, or Visme.com.

As with any academic writing, please avoid the use of personal pronouns and contractions as these are not to be used in academic writing.

Book Choices (*pick one of the following*)

- The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- Out of Silent Planet* by C.S. Lewis
- Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

Summer Reading Assignment for Incoming Sophomores

World Literature

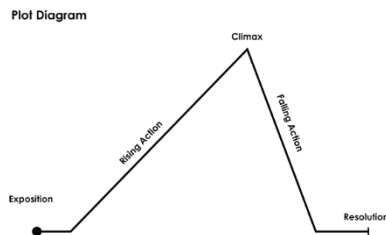
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- The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom
- The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Summer Reading Assignment for Incoming Juniors

American Literature

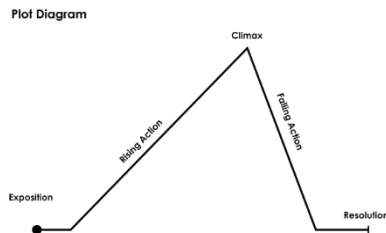
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- Fahrenheit 451* – Stephen Crane
- My Antonia* – Willa Cather
- Uncle Tom's Cabin* – Harriet Beecher Stowe

Summer Reading Assignment for Incoming Seniors British Literature

Read *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

After students have read the book, they will create an infographic poster to outline Lewis' arguments in the book. Each book section that Lewis covers outlines a different argument, so in total there should be at least three arguments that are clearly outlined in the infographic. The infographic chart should include primary ideas, specific concepts, and defined terms (either defined by Lewis himself or by a dictionary) A flowchart of the arguments and how they are presented must also be included. Each argument should be briefly summarized and must include a quote from the book (cited with the chapter the quote was taken from) that best summarized that part of the argument. The chart should also contain visual illustrations to aid in summary of understanding of each element of the arguments presented. The poster should contain the following:

- Clever title
- A primarily feature paragraph that summarizes the argument underneath the title
- Brief biography information about the author
- At least three main arguments organized in a flowchart
 - Each of the three arguments are clearly labeled, primary ideas outlined, specific concepts included, and terms defined
 - Each argument is briefly summarized
 - One quote per argument from the book is included (at least three quotes in total)
- Visually engaging, consistent, and easy to follow layout and theme
- Relevant, appropriate illustrations for each primary concept

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