

Directions: Middle and high school students will be responsible for reading over the summer. *Note: Some grades have more than one book they are responsible for reading. They will complete one assignment per book to be turned in on the first day of school.

Middle School

Incoming 6th grade:

Fiction Book:

1. *Where The Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

Assignment: Read the book and complete the [close-reading notes in this link](#). Bring your completed notes to class with you on the first day of school. During the first week of school, you will discuss the book and present a book report for a grade.

Incoming 7th grade:

Fiction Book:

1. *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper

Assignment: Read the book and complete the [close-reading notes in this link](#). Bring your completed notes to class with you on the first day of school. During the first week of school, you will discuss the book and present a book report for a grade.

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Incoming 8th grade:

Fiction Book:

1. *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

Assignment: Read the book and complete the [close-reading notes in this link](#). Bring your completed notes to class with you on the first day of school. During the first week of school, you will discuss the book and present a book report for a grade.

Nonfiction Book:

The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis

Assignment: After reading The Magician's Nephew and the Genesis account of creation, write two paragraphs comparing and contrasting the creation accounts. Please use the following guidelines for each paragraph:

Paragraph on Similarities

1. Open with a topic sentence - mention The Magician's Nephew, C.S. Lewis, The Bible, and your topic (how the two creation accounts are similar).
2. Include two examples that illustrate how the two texts are similar.
3. Write a concluding sentence for your paragraph.
4. After the paragraph, write a quote from Magician's Nephew that illustrates a similarity and briefly explain the quote. Cite the page number of the quote.
5. Also write a quote from Genesis that illustrates a similarity, and briefly explain the Biblical quote. Cite the chapter and verse of the passage.

Paragraph on Differences

1. Open with a topic sentence - mention The Magician's Nephew, C.S. Lewis, The Bible, and your topic (how the two creation accounts are different).
2. Include two examples that illustrate how the texts are different.
3. Write a concluding sentence for your paragraph.
4. After the paragraph, write a quote from Magician's Nephew that illustrates a difference and briefly explain it. Cite the page number of the quote.
5. Also write a quote from Genesis that illustrates a difference and briefly explain it. Cite the chapter and verse of the passage.

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High School

Incoming 9th grade:

Fiction Book:

1. *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis and Genesis 1-3

Assignment: Read *The Magician's Nephew* and write a two-page paper comparing and contrasting the creation of Narnia with the Creation narrative you read in Scripture. The paper should be double-spaced and use 12-point, Times New Roman font.

Incoming 10th grade:

Fiction Books:

1. *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelly

Assignment: Read the book and complete the [close-reading notes in this link](#). Bring your completed notes to class with you on the first day of school. During the first week of school, you will discuss the book and present a book report for a grade.

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High School

Incoming 11th: (all students even those considering dual enrollment)

Fiction Book:

1. *The Pilgrim's Progress: A Readable Modern-Day Version of John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress (Revised and easy-to-read) (The Pilgrim's Progress Series)* by John Bunyan and Alan Virmilye

Assignment: Read the book and complete the [close-reading notes in this link](#). Bring your completed notes to class with you on the first day of school. During the first week of school, you will discuss the book and present a book report for a grade.

Incoming 11th and 12th:

Nonfiction Book: Choose One

1. *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy* by Eric Metaxas
2. *Mere Christianity* by C.S.Lewis

Assignment: Read the nonfiction book of your choice and write a two-page paper on the author's perspective and the impact of this book in your life and walk with God. The paper should be double-spaced and use 12-point, Times New Roman font.