

Holy Savior Academy  
Language Arts  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Assignments 2022

**Why summer reading?** - It is important that students continue to read during the summer. The purpose of summer reading is to encourage the enjoyment of reading and to develop students' independent reading skills. Summer is an excellent time to discover new authors and explore new subjects, without most of the pressures that are present during the school year. Another one of the benefits of summer is having the extra time to read books YOU choose!

**Selecting your Book** - This year, you will be asked to select two (2) of your own summer reading books, Your selection should be appropriate to your grade level or reading ability, and they should be books you have not already read. You are not expected to read high school or college-level material, nor do I expect that you choose elementary school books. Unlike the movies, books do not have a defined ratings system, but I trust that you will make appropriate reading selections. If you still need help choosing a book, please email me and I will be happy to give you suggestions! You are all great readers and I can't wait to see what you choose!

**Assignment -Written Assignments**

All assignments must be typed and are due the first week of school; I will provide an exact due date. Paragraphs should be a minimum of 6-8 sentences.

1. **Fiction selection** - Choose one character from your fiction book, and select **four** points in the novel that you feel depict the development of that particular character throughout the story. Explain how the character develops using **specific textual evidence** to support your point. Your final response should consist of a total of four paragraphs.
2. **Nonfiction selection** - Select five vocabulary words from the non-fiction book that are new to you that you could see yourself using on a regular basis. Write the words, their definitions and parts of speech, and explain how the words are used in the nonfiction piece. Then explain how you can incorporate the words into your everyday writing or speech.
3. **Final connection** - Write a one to two paragraph reflection connecting your nonfiction and fiction selections. You may approach this in many ways. Is there a thematic tie or other common element between the two pieces? How do the authors compare in terms of writing style? What drew you to read these particular texts? Would you recommend them to others? If so, why would you recommend them? Provide specific textual evidence and page numbers to support your response.

Reading two books and completing the writing assignments is required; however, I highly encourage you to read additional books! Choose something that is fun and interesting to you...ENJOY READING!

If you have any questions about these assignments, please feel free contact me at mpigna@holysavioracademy. com. Have a wonderful summer!

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