Patriot Read

Rising 8th grade

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

-Benjamin Franklin

Heritage Christian School Patriot Summer Reading Program

The purpose of summer reading is to expose our students to good books – books that will enrich the mind, character and spirit of HCS students during summer break. Our goal is to encourage a lifelong love for reading.

Students **entering 8th grade** need to choose one book from the list below to read over the summer. After reading the books, the student should complete the book report following the instructions given (see attached). Parents should sign the form which will be given to the eighth grade teacher on the **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**. The reports will be graded and will be the student's **first English test grade.** Deduction of points will be made each day it is late. *Any student not completing the reports after one week will receive a zero*.

Highlighted books are available in the HCS library; book(s) marked* are in Miss Dillon's classroom library.

Author	Book(s)	Genre
Alcott, Louisa May	*Eight Cousins; Rose in Bloom; Jo's Boys; Little Men; Little Women*	
Aldrich, Thomas B.	*The Story of a Bad Boy*	
Allen, Robert	*Daniel Webster; Billy Sunday* (Sower series)	
Anderson, William	*Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Biography: Musical Memories of Laura Ingalls Wilder*	
Arnold, Elliott	*A Kind of Secret Weapon*	
Baddorf, Rob	*Recruited by the FBI*	Christian adventure/suspense
Bailey, Carolyn Sherwin	*Boys and Girls of Colonial Days*	
Baldwin, Lindley	*Samuel Morris*	
Benge, Janet and Geoff	*Christian Heroes: Then and Now** (series); *Heroes of History** (series)	Christian biography
Blos, Joan W.	*A Gathering of Days*	
Bohner, Charles	*Bold Journey*	
Brink, Carol Ryrie	*Caddie Woodlawn; Magical Melons*	
Burnford, Sheila	*The Incredible Journey*	
Byars, Betsy	*The Summer of the Swans*	
Camp, Norma	*George Washington* (Sower series)	
Canfield, Dorothy	*Understood Betsy*	
Chapian, Marie & Sadler, Robert	*Help Me Remember Help Me Forget*	
Cavanaugh, Jack	Any book	
Cavannah, Frances	*Two Loves of Jenny Lind*	
Cleary, Amanda	*Tree Street Kids* (series)*	Christian fiction (contemporary)
Coleman, Charles G.	*The Shining Sword*	Christian fiction (allegory)
Collingsworth, Kim	*His Gift, My Story*	Christian biography (pianist)
Daugherty, James	*Of Courage Undaunted; Daniel Boone*	
Dekker, Ted	*Circle Trilogy for Teens* (series)	
DeVoto, Bernard	*Journals of Lewis and Clark*	
Dickens, Charles	*A Christmas Carol*	
Dunlop, Ed	Any book	
Eggleston, Edward	*The Hoosier Schoolmaster*	
Fabry, Chris	*Overcomer*	

Field, Rachel	*Calico Bush; Hitty, Her First Hundred Years*	
Finley, Martha	*Elsie Dinsmore* (series)	Christian historical fiction (pre-Civil War/Civil War)
Foster, Genevieve	*World of William Penn*	
George, Jean Craighead	*My Side of the Mountain*	
Gray, Elizabeth Janet	*Adam of the Road*	
Greco, John	*The Timefall Trilogy*	Christian fantasy/futuristic
Howard, Milly	*Brave the Wild Trail*	
Hurnard, Hannah	*Hinds Feet on High Places*	Christian allegory
Hunt, Irene	*Across Five Aprils*	
Jenkins, Jerry B.	*Left Behind* (series), *Red Rock Mysteries* (series)	Christian fiction
Jackson, Dave and Neta	*Trailblazer Books* (series), *Caught in the Rebel Camp*	Christian fiction (based on missionary stories)
Juster, Norton	*The Phantom Tollbooth*	
Johnson, Lois Walfrid	*Viking Quest* (series); *Freedom Seekers* (series)	Christian historical (Vikings); Christian historical (Underground Railroad)
Keith, Harold	*Rifles for Watie*	
Kipling, Rudyard	*The Jungle Book*	Classical fiction
Kjelgaard, Jim	*Big Red*	
Lacy, Al	*Shadow of Liberty* (series); *Journeys of the Stranger* (series); *Angel of Mercy* (series)	Christian American historical fiction (immigration, Westerns, and more)
L'Engle, Madeline	Any book	
Lathan, Jean Lee	*Carry on, Mr. Bowditch*	
Laurgaard, Rachel K.	*Patty Reed's Doll*	
Levitin, Sonia	*Journey to America*	
Lewis, C. S.	Any book	Christian/classical fantasy
MacDonald, George	*The Boyhood of Ronald Bannerman*	
Mally, Grace	*Will Our Generation Speak? A Call to Be Bold with the Gospel*	Christian growth—nonfiction
Mally, Sarah	*Speak Truth in Your Heart; Before You Meet Prince Charming* (girls)	Christian growth—nonfiction
Mally, Sarah, Grace, and Stephen	*Making Brothers and Sisters Best Friends*	Christian growth—nonfiction
Meader, Stephen	*Boy with a Pac; Clear for Action; Whaler; Round the Horn*	
Meigs, Cornelia	*Invincible Louisa*	
Mongtomery, L.M.	*Anne of Green Gables; Anne of Avonlea*	Classical fiction
Morey, Walt	*Gentle Ben*	
Morris, Gilbert	*The Seven Sleepers* (series); *The Bonnets and Bugle Series*	Christian fantasy/futuristic; historical fiction (Civil War)
Mullen, Jasmine	*Ben Washington Is . . .* (series)	Christian fiction (contemporary)
O'Dell, Scott	*The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by Day; Island of the Blue Dolphins; The King's Fifth; Streams to the River; Rover to the Sea*	
Oke, Janette	*Seasons of the Heart* (series); *Drums of Change; A Bride for Donnigan; They Called*	Christian historical (1920s/Great Depression); American historical

	Her Mrs. Doc; Roses for Mama; Love Comes Softly Series; any book	
Peretti, Frank	*Nightmare Academy, Hangman's Curse*, *Omega Trilogy* (series), *The Cooper Kids* (series)*	Christian suspense
Peterson, Andrew	*Wingfeather Saga* (series)	Christian fantasy
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan	*The Yearling*	
Reit, Seymour	*Guns for General Washington*	
Richardson, Arleta	*Grandma's Attic* (series)	
Roddy, Lee	*An American Adventure* (Bethany House Publishers)	
Sandburg, Carl	*Abe Lincoln Grows Up; The Prairie Years; The War Years*	
Seredy, Kate	*The Good Master*	
Serraillier, Ian	*The Silver Sword*	
Shirer, Priscilla	*The Prince Warriors* (series)	Christian fantasy (allegorical)
Shura, Mary Francis	*Gentle Annie*	
Sidney, Margaret	*The Five Little Peppers and How They Grew*	
Smith, S. D.	*Green Ember* (series)	
Speare, Elizabeth G.	*The Bronze Bow; Pond; Calico Captive; The Sign of the Beaver*	
Stahl, Hilda	*Elisabeth Gail* (series)	Christian contemporary fiction (foster care/adoption)
Sterling, Dorothy	*Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman*	
Sperry, Armstrong	*Call It Courage*	
Stevenson, Robert L.	Any book	
Street, James	*Goodbye, My Lady*	
Sutcliff, Rosemary	*Dawn Wind; Eaglke of the Ninth; Knight's Fee; Lantern Bearers; The Mark of the Horse Lord; The Silver Branch; Simon; Warrior Scarlet*	
Taylor, Mrs. Howard	*Borden of Yale*	
Taylor, Mildred	*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry; Let the Circle Be Unbroken*	
Ten Boom, Corrie	*The Hiding Place*	Christian autobiography
Trease, Geoffrey	*Cue for Treason; Message for Hadrian; Web of Traitors*	
Tunis, Edwin	*Colonial Living; Frontier Living; The Tavern at the Ferry; Indians*	
Tunis, John R.	*Duke Decides; Go, Team, Go; Silence of Dunkerque*	
Washington, Booker T.	*Up from Slavery*	Historical autobiography
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	*The Little House* (series)	
Wyss, Johann David	*Swiss Family Robinson*	
Yates, Elizabeth	*Amos Fortune; Sound Friendships; The Journeyman; Hue and Cry*	

Book I read this summer

1. _____

- I have read the entire book.
- I had never read this book before this summer.
- No one has helped me in the preparation of the summer reading assignment.

Child's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

(by signing you are verifying your child read this book this summer and completed the book report)

Please return to the 8th grade teacher on the first day of school.