

Summer Reading List for Saint Dominic's School

Eighth Grade:

All students are required to read and take notes on:

To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee

All students must also read two books from the list below. For one of these the student will fill out a brief traditional book report (see attached form). For the other, the student may choose one of the following creative ways to present their book:

- a video book trailer (using imovie or windows movie maker).
 - The trailer should be 1-3min long, capture some of the important characters and/or events of the book and make the viewer want to read the book. Cliff hangers are recommended. N.B. Make sure to export the project file as a movie (mp4 if using windows) when finished and save it on a flashdrive. Ask google how to do this if unsure.
- a book talk (write the script over the summer and present during class in the fall)
 - The book talk should be 2-3 minutes in length, present the major characters and setting and make the audience want to read the book. The opening of the talk should immediately capture the audience's attention and curiosity about the book.
- a visual collage with captions to summarize and evaluate the book.

Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc by Marc Twain

The Lord of the Rings (Any book from the trilogy not previously read) by J.R.R. Tolkien

Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne

War of the Worlds by H.G.Wells

The Invisible Man by H. G. Wells

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

The Shadow of the Bear by Regina Doman

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Or: One of the books may be a biography of a saint/ blessed. Louis de Wohl has written several popular saint fiction novels including *Lay Siege to Heaven* (Catherine of Siena), *Quiet Light* (Thomas Aquinas), *The Joyful Beggar* (Saint Francis of Assisi) and *Set All Afire* (Saint Francis Xavier).

Reading books is an indispensable part of a solid education. A parent/ guardian will, therefore, be asked to write and sign a note indicating which of the books you chose and that you have read them.

Grading Rubric: Summer Reading Book Talk

	Max points	Your score
Appropriate length of time	3	
Presents major characters	4	
Presents the setting	3	
Presents enough of the plot to give an idea of the book	4	
Opening that "hooks" the audience	3	
Engages the audience to want to read the book	3	
Total	20	

Grading Rubric: Summer Reading Book Trailer

	Max points	Your score
Appropriate length of time	3	
Presents major characters	4	
Presents enough of the plot to give an idea of the book	4	
Easy to follow	2	
Engages the audience to want to read the book	3	
Sound, images, transitions, video are well chosen and assembled to convey the mood/ theme of the book	4	
Total	20	

Grading Rubric: Summer Reading Visual Collage

	Max points	Your score
Title of the book clearly visible	1	
Presents major character(s)	3	
Presents the major events of the plot	5	
Evaluates ¹ aspects of the book (plot, characters, style etc)	3	
Easy to follow	2	
Images are well chosen and neatly assembled to convey the mood/ theme of the book	4	
Creativity	2	
Total	20	

¹ To evaluate = To make a judgment on the quality of something (what makes it good/bad)