



FAITH CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

EIGHTH GRADE SUMMER READING 2023

Read the following two books prior to the first day of school.

1. Each student will read *Nordic Gods and Heroes*, by **Padraic Colum** (ISBN 978-0486289120). The class will be discussing this book in preparation for the study of *Beowulf*. Please compose an essay, to be handed in the first day of class, with the following information:
 - A summary of the plot with a description of three characters in the book.
 - Make sure to cite specific quotes in your paper. Sample citation: (Colum 23).

The paper must be typed with standard formatting, at least 2-3 pages in length.

2. Each student will also read **one book chosen from the Grades 8-9 Reading List** (attached at the end of this document). Summarize the book’s plot, themes, and main characters in 3-5 paragraphs.

The paper must be typed with standard formatting, at least 1.5 pages in length.

Students should affirm the integrity of their work by writing the following pledge on each assignment and signing it:

I have read this whole book, and all written work is my own.

Grades 8-9 Summer Reading Lists

Fiction

Author	Title
Anderson	<i>Chains</i>
Christie	<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>
Cooper	<i>Last of the Mohicans</i>
Dickens	<i>Oliver Twist</i>
Eliot	<i>Silas Marner</i>
Forster	<i>A Passage to India</i>
Mallory	<i>Le Morte d' Arthur</i>
Shelley	<i>Frankenstein</i>
Twain	<i>Puddin'head Wilson</i>

Non-Fiction

Author	Title
Blatner	<i>The Joy of Pi</i>
Freedman	<i>The War to End All Wars</i>
Lansing	<i>Endurance</i>
Murphy	<i>An American Plague</i>
Stone	<i>Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream</i>