



# FAITH CHRISTIAN S C H O O L

## EIGHTH GRADE SUMMER READING 2025

*Read the following two books before the first day of school.*

1. Each student will read “***The Bronze Bow***” by **Elizabeth George Speare** (ISBN 978-0395137192). This novel is set during the Roman Empire when Jesus was on Earth. Please write a four-paragraph essay to be submitted on the first day of class, following the structure below:

Essay Format:

- An introduction paragraph that includes the title, author, and summary of the book’s plot.
- One body paragraph that introduces the main characters.
- One body paragraph that summarizes the main themes you observed in the book.
- A conclusion paragraph summarizing what can be applied to your life or faith from reading this book.
- Make sure to include in-text **MLA** citations for any specific quotes that you include in your essay. A sample in-text citation is (Speare 45).

The paper **must be typed**, following standard **MLA** formatting.

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2. Each student will also read **one additional book chosen from the Grades 8-9 Reading List** (attached at the end of this document). Summarize the book’s plot, main characters, and themes in a three-paragraph essay. Be sure to name the book and the author in the first sentence.

The paper **must be typed** following standard **MLA** formatting.

Essay Format:

- An introduction paragraph that includes the title and author, then summarizes the characters and plot of the book.
- One body paragraph that summarizes the main themes you observed in the book.
- A conclusion paragraph that summarizes what can be applied to your life or faith as a result of reading the additional selected book from the list.
- Make sure to include in-text **MLA** citations if you choose to incorporate specific quotes into your essay. A sample in-text citation is (Speare 23).

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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 work is my own.**

## Grades 8-9 Summer Reading Lists

### Fiction Selections

Author      Title

Alcott	<i>Little Women</i>
Anderson	<i>Fever</i>
Christie	<i>And Then There Were None</i>
Crane	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>
Dumas	<i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i>
Engel	<i>Peace Like a River</i>
Hesse	<i>Out of the Dust</i>
Orczy	<i>The Scarlett Pimpernel</i>
Green	<i>Robin Hood</i>
Pyle	<i>The Story of King Arthur and His Knights</i>
Verne	<i>Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea</i>
White	<i>The Once and Future King</i>

### Non-Fiction Selections

Author      Title

Armstrong	<i>Photo by Brady: A Picture of the Civil War</i>
Frank	<i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i>
Houston	<i>Farewell to Manzanar</i>
Jiang	<i>Red Scarf Girl</i>
O'Reilly	<i>Lincoln's Last Days: The Shocking Assassination That Changed America Forever</i>