

St. Pius X
2017 Summer Reading & Writing Assignment
Writing assignments are due on the first day of school

The purpose of the Summer Reading Assignment is to maintain or strengthen reading comprehension and related writing skills while fostering an enjoyment of reading.

Writing Assignment: Students must complete one of the writing assignments listed below the grade they are entering in August, 2017. All work must be neatly written or typed by the student and of adequate length to complete the assignment as instructed. **Due Date:** Written work will be collected on the first day of school and counted as a test grade. If possible, please bring the novel as well.

Writing Assignment entering grades 7-8:

Write two journal entries for your book. One entry should cover the first half of the book and the second entry should cover the second half of the book. Each journal entry should contain three components which include character, conflicts, and issues/problems the main character encounters.

The character component will discuss two main characters from the novel. In it, tell who these characters are, why they made an impression on you and give an excerpt from the book supporting your observations.

In the conflict component tell what conflicts have occurred in each part of the book. Be sure to include what the conflict is, who is involved and if and how it is resolved.

Issues and/or problems the main character encounters in each part of the book is the third component to be discussed. Tell the problems and what decisions the main character makes to resolve his/her problem or problems. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

The journal entries should be written in essay form using complete sentences and correct punctuation.

Writing Assignment entering grades 5-6: Choose one of the following

Assignment A -Write a two-page biography of one of the main characters in the novel. Include at least 15 pieces of information given by the author throughout the book. Write the facts about the character in chronological order, even if they were not presented that way during the story. The biography should be written in essay form using complete sentences and correct punctuation. At the end of each paragraph, list the page number where the information discussed in the essay, is found in the book.

Assignment B - Create a movie poster involving a depiction of the novel as a movie. The movie must have a title and the graphics should be clear. A written summary must accompany the movie poster. It should contain a description of the setting, characters, and plot of the movie. **All work must be original.**

Writing Assignment entering grade 4: Choose one of the following:

Assignment A - Write a one-page letter to the author. Emphasize the parts of the book you liked best, one part you would change (using 3 or more reasons), and name your favorite character. Using at least five reasons, tell exactly why you found the character likable or believable.

Assignment B - Create a timeline of 15 major events in your book. Use drawings or magazine cutouts to show the events along the timeline. Label each event. Make a corresponding chart to go with your timeline, with a brief one to two sentence descriptions of each event and the page number where the event happened in your book.