

7/8th Grade Summer Reading

Summer Objectives

1. Set a daily goal of required reading and meet it.
2. Choose one of the three books and complete the assignments for the books you have chosen. These will be due the **first day of school**, and will count as **2 test grades**.



Option 1: *Isle of Swords* by Wayne Thomas Batson
Complete assignments one and two.

Option 2: *June Bug* by Chris Fabry
Complete assignments one and two.

Option 3: *Pilgrim's Progress in Today's English* by John Bunyan, Edited by James H. Thomas
Complete assignments one and three.

Assignment 1: Create timeline on a full size piece of poster board that chronicles the major events of the story. Use lots of color along with printed pictures and objects attached to the poster to symbolize each event. Great detail will be rewarded with a great grade! The title of the book and the author's name should appear at the top of the poster.

Assignment 2: For each chapter list at least five words that were unfamiliar to you. For each word write the chapter and page number on which it found, and then define the word correctly as it is used in the story. Be careful, some words have multiple definitions! You must select the definition that is intended in the sentence. The list of definitions will count as the quiz grade for this book. Next, **type** a series of journal entries from the point of view of the main character. The journal entries should show the key events in the character's life through the story. They should be personal and reveal not only what is happening at the time, but how the character is feeling as well. Each entry should consist of at least twenty-five words, and you should have at least ten entries to receive a passing grade. More than ten entries will be expected to possibly receive an "A" or a "B". Make sure your grammar and spelling are correct in each journal entry!

Assignment 3: *Pilgrim's Progress* is full of symbolism, and metaphors of the Christian journey of faith. Identify at least eight parallels between the main character's journey and the journey of a Christian today. Type an essay of at least 250 words discussing these parallels. Once again, 250 words will only get you a passing grade. More will be required to earn an "A" or a "B". Conclude your essay by identifying where you would place yourself in John Bunyan's novel. What do you have ahead of you? What have you learned from this story that will help you in your journey to discover faith and maturity? As always, make sure your grammar and spelling are correct throughout your essay!

