

8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment (2020)

In order to better prepare our students academically, Strong Rock Christian School incorporates a summer reading program to encourage reading and enhance language arts skills. Students will select one book from the 8th grade choices. After reading the book, students will complete book cards. These cards will be due the first week of school in August. This information will be posted on our school website this summer. If you enroll after July 1, 2020, your book cards will be due August 31, 2020.

Rising 8th Grade Titles

Children of the Storm by Natasha Vins

“Young, school-age Natasha receives pressure from her teachers to give her unquestioning allegiance to the Soviet State. Anti-Christian sentiment dogs her family's life as well. The Vins family faces imprisonment, humiliation, court trials, and loss of jobs as part of the persecution waged by their government. In her teen years, Natasha begins to see that doors close to those who remain faithful to Christ. Now she must count the cost and decide for herself whether she wants to pay the price.” – Goodreads

The Girl who Drew Butterflies by Joyce Sidman

"One of the first naturalists to observe live insects directly, Maria Sibylla Merian was also one of the first to document the metamorphosis of the butterfly. In this visual nonfiction biography, richly illustrated throughout with full-color original paintings by Merian herself, the Newbery Honor–winning author Joyce Sidman paints her own picture of one of the first female entomologists ... who flouted convention in the pursuit of knowledge and her passion for insects."- Goodreads

Kisses from Katie by Katie J. Davis

“What would cause an eighteen-year-old high school homecoming queen and senior class president to drop everything and move to Uganda to live with some of the poorest people in the world? Only love, and a desire to follow Jesus wherever He leads, could make a young woman choose this path. And Katie Davis did just that, forgoing a college education, disappointing her parents and boyfriend, to teach and care for children half a world away. In *Kisses from Katie*, Katie Davis shares her journey of radical love that lead her from a short-term missions trip in 2006, to adopting 13 Ugandan girls and starting a ministry that feeds and teaches hundreds of children every day.” - Christianbook

Boys without Names by Kashmira Sheth

“For eleven-year-old Gopal and his family, life in their rural Indian village is over: We stay, we starve, his baba has warned. So they must flee to the big city of Mumbai in hopes of finding work and a brighter future. Gopal is eager to help support his struggling family until school starts, so when a stranger approaches him with the promise of a factory job, he jumps at the offer. But Gopal has been deceived. There is no factory but, instead, a small, stuffy sweatshop, where he and five other boys are forced to make beaded frames for no money and little food.” – Goodreads

The Golden Hawks of Genghis Khan by Rita Richie

““You must not speak of the Golden Hawks! Word easily flies down the caravan trails to the ears of the Mongols in the land of Genghis Khan. And then, Jalair, the Mongols will come and slay you!” With this warning from his grandfather Kurush, the summer of 1218 in Samarkand begins for young Jalair. He has always been told that Mongols slew his father Darien—the greatest hawker of the Empire—and robbed him of a spectacular breed of hunting bird that Darien had perfected. Since then, the Mongols have searched relentlessly for the son of the slain hawker. A broken promise and mysterious circumstances cause Jalair to risk the journey eastward to recapture the Golden Hawks. Striving at all costs to conceal his identity, the boy arrives at Karakorum, the city of Genghis Khan.” – Bethlehem Books

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Rising Eighth Grade Requirements

Choose one of the titles listed above that you have not read previously and complete the book cards. This activity will count as a quiz grade in your language arts class.

Book Card Requirements: These index cards need to be the large (5x8 inches) size. You may combine the following elements, but please write only on one side of the cards. All cards **must be in COMPLETE SENTENCES** and handwritten.

1. Title Card: Write the title, underline the title, put the author's name, and your name. Draw an illustration that represents the book.
2. Setting Card: Write at least four sentences to describe the settings of your book.
3. Plot Summary Card: Summarize the main events of the book. Write at least 12 complete sentences.
4. Character Card: List the major characters by name and write a one or two sentence description of each.
5. Conflict Card: List the main conflict of the book. (1-2 sentences)
6. Theme Card: Explain a theme of this book in 3-4 sentences.
7. Point of View: Tell the point of view from which this story is told. (1-2 sentences)
8. Book Review Card: In 5-7 sentences, write your overall opinion and impression of this book. Be sure to give detailed support for your opinion.

****When students return to school in August, more activities and assessments will be assigned in class.****