

# New Braunfels Christian Academy

## Middle School Summer Reading Guide

This year we are encouraging students to choose their own books for summer reading. We do have a few guidelines we would like for you to work with, but other than that, the choice is yours! For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, a great resource to search for books is: <https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/middle-school> or <https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/non-fiction>

### **FOR ALL STUDENTS:**

- You must purchase an actual book, (no library books, e-books, audio books, etc.)
- You will need to have the book read by the first day of school.
- You will need to bring the book on the first day of school and be prepared to discuss book.

### **Grade Level Requirements:**

#### **Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

Please select an **unabridged** novel from the following booklist. (A book that is unabridged is written by the original author and not paraphrased by another author.) During the first week of school, each student should be prepared to summarize their book, conference with the teacher, and create a plot diagram. (We will review plot diagrams.) Any student reading five or more books from our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade booklist will receive special recognition.

- *Caddie Woodlawn* by Carol Ryrie
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L' Engle
- *Farmer Boy* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *The Black Stallion* by Walter Farley
- *Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson
- *Call it Courage* by Sperry Armstrong
- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austin (Advanced 5- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- *Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne (Advanced 6 - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)



### **Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

- The book you choose must be at least 200 pages in length.
- Choose a **biography** or **autobiography** of a person that you admire or are interested in knowing more about.

### **OR**

- Read a **non-fiction** book about a historical event. For example, the Crusades, World Wars, September 11, 2001, The Fall of the Berlin Wall, The Holocaust, The Dust Bowl, The Great Depression, Inventions, The sinking of the Titanic, etc.

**ASSIGNMENT for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students:** For either the biography, autobiography or the non-fiction book, you will need to create a timeline including 12 important events/dates from the book and create a citation on your timeline with the author's last name and page number the event is first mentioned in the book. Put this information in parenthesis.

- **For example: The Titanic Sank on April 15, 1912 (Vance 157)**
- **Vance is the author and the event is mentioned on page 157 of the book.**
- **Bring this timeline to English on the first day of school.**