



EVANGEL CLASSICAL
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
SOLI DEO GLORIA

9th Grade Summer Reading 2022

Greetings, rising freshmen!

You are required to read two books, *The Eagle of the Ninth* by Rosemary Sutcliff (ISBN 978-0374419301) and another book of your choice from the attached list. Please purchase a physical copy of *The Eagle of the Ninth* and bring it with you to school. There will be a test on *The Eagle of the Ninth* when you return to school. For your second title, you may choose any book from the list provided for your grade level. We desire that you choose a book from this list that you have never read. For students who entered ECCS in 8th or 9th grade, we highly recommend that you read titles from the curriculum, such as *The Chronicles of Narnia*, that you might have missed.

After reading the work you select from the list, you should write a book report that follows the format below. For the purposes of this assignment, each paragraph should consist of 5-8 sentences, unless otherwise noted.

Paragraph I: Introduce the book, including the title, author, primary characters, historical context, information about the author, etc. Do not refer to yourself or the assignment in this paragraph.

Paragraph II: Describe the plot briefly, but thoroughly (This paragraph must be between 7–8 sentences).

Paragraph III: Describe the major conflict and how it is resolved.

Paragraph IV: Discuss the main themes and/or spiritual truths evident in the story. Include examples and quotes from the book that illustrate these themes and/or truths.

Paragraph V: Give your personal response to the book. Describe what you liked about the characters, plot, conflict, and setting, as well as anything you did not like about these things.

Work Cited: Include a separate Work Cited page that contains a correct MLA bibliographic entry of the book that you read.

Your book report should be a minimum of 600 words and a maximum of 750 words. It should have the following **signed and dated statement** at the bottom of the last page: “I have read all that was required for this assignment and all written work is my own.” Signature XX/XX/XX

Your paper should be typed in standard MLA format (including 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced, and 1-inch margins). The higher your grade level, of course, the more we expect you to be able to accomplish in your book report. You should complete the reading and the book report over the summer and come to school ready to turn it in. **All book reports will be due on the second day of school.**

Remember that the grades associated with summer reading can help you get your literature grade off to a great start. If you have questions about the summer reading, please call the school at (205) 216-0149 during our regular summer office hours.

Happy Reading, and have a wonderful summer! Your Rhetoric School Literature Teachers

9th Grade Outside Reading List 2022-2023

Note: The edition of the book you choose must be *unabridged*.

1. Austen, Jane. Any of her six novels
2. Bradbury, Ray. *Fahrenheit 451*
3. Bronte, Charlotte. *Jane Eyre*
4. Buck, Pearl S. *The Good Earth*
5. Cather, Willa. *My Antonia*
6. Christie, Agatha. *And Then There Were None*
7. Conrad, Joseph. *Lord Jim*
8. Cooper, James Fenimore. *The Last of the Mohicans*
9. Crane, Stephen. *The Red Badge of Courage*
10. Dickens, Charles. *David Copperfield*
11. Dickens, Charles. *Oliver Twist*
12. Dostoyevsky, Fyodor. *Crime and Punishment*
13. Doyle, Arthur Conan. *The Hound of the Baskervilles*
14. Dumas, Alexander. *The Count of Monte Cristo*
15. Eliot, George. *The Mill on the Floss*
16. Eliot, George. *Silas Marner*
17. Frank, Pat. *Alas, Babylon*
18. Hardy, Thomas. *Return of the Native*
19. Hardy, Thomas. *The Mayor of Casterbridge*
20. Hardy, Thomas. *Far from the Madding Crowd*
21. Hawthorne, Nathaniel. *The House of the Seven Gables*
22. Herriot, James. *All Creatures Great and Small*
23. Hoyle, K.B. *The Breeder Cycle* (any of the three books or the prequel, *Hunter*)
24. Hoyle, K.B. *The Gateway Chronicles* (any book in the series, starting with *The Six*)
25. Ishiguro, Kazuo. *Remains of the Day*
26. Knowles, John. *A Separate Peace*
27. Lewis, C.S. *The Chronicles of Narnia* (any TWO books in the series. You may reread these if you have read them before.)
28. Lewis, C.S. *The Great Divorce*
29. Lewis, C.S. *The Space Trilogy* (any book in the series, starting with *Out of the Silent Planet*)
30. Lewis, C.S. *Surprised by Joy* (this is an autobiography)
31. Lowry, Lois, Any of the sequel titles in the *Giver* series
32. Mitchell, Margaret. *Gone with the Wind*
33. Miller, Arthur. *The Crucible*
34. Montgomery, L.M. Any of the sequel titles in the *Anne of Green Gables* series
35. Orczy, Baroness. *The Scarlet Pimpernel*
36. Paton, Alan. *Cry, the Beloved Country*
37. Potok, Chaim. *The Chosen*
38. Sayers, Dorothy. *The Nine Tailors*

39. Shakespeare, William. Any play **except** those in the curriculum (*Romeo and Juliet*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Julius Caesar*, *Macbeth*, and *Hamlet*)
40. Stoker, Bram. *Dracula*
41. Stowe, Harriet Beecher. *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
42. Swift, Jonathan. *Gulliver's Travels*
43. Tennyson, Alfred. *Idylls of the King*
44. Thackeray, William Makepeace. *Vanity Fair*
45. Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Fellowship of the Ring* (or any subsequent title in the series)
46. Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Silmarillion* (prequel to the *Lord of the Rings* series)
47. Wiesel, Elie. *Night*

If you were not at ECCS for the following years, we recommend that you read books you missed from our curriculum, as follows:

7th:

1. Lewis, C.S. *The Screwtape Letters*
2. Lowry, Lois. *The Giver*
3. Shakespeare, William. *Romeo and Juliet*
4. Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit*

8th:

1. Homer. *The Iliad*
2. Homer. *The Odyssey*
3. Sophocles. *Oedipus Rex* AND *Antigone*

For ambitious readers

The following longer titles are for ambitious readers. Your teacher *may* choose to give you extra credit for reading one of these.

1. Cervantes, Miguel. *Don Quixote*
2. Hugo, Victor. *Les Miserables*
3. Melville, Herman. *Moby Dick*
4. Tolstoy, Leo. *Anna Karenina*
5. Tolstoy, Leo. *War and Peace*