



Rising Eighth Grade Summer Reading

You are required to read two books, *The Two Towers* by J.R.R. Tolkien and *The Silver Chair* by C.S. Lewis. This assignment will be due on the first day of English class.

Assignment I:

For *The Two Towers*, please write a 5-paragraph essay describing either **Sam** or **Gollum**.

Paragraph I: Begin your essay with a brief introduction to *The Two Towers* and the character you have chosen for the essay. This should include some general background information that leads directly to your thesis statement. The last sentence of the first paragraph should be the thesis statement which outlines the three character qualities that you plan to discuss in your essay.

Paragraphs II-IV: Each body paragraph should be about one character quality that you see in your character based on the reading, and each paragraph should include a direct quotation from the text.

Paragraph V: Conclude the essay by restating your thesis and summarizing your ideas.

Your essay should be typed (double-spaced, point 12 font size, using Times New Roman font), and each paragraph should consist of 5-7 sentences. Please be attentive to proper sentence structure, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

While not required, I recommend that you turn in Assignment I by **June 29**. If you do, you will receive 5 bonus points on your first test. You may drop your essay on *The Two Towers* off at the school office during summer office hours.

Assignment II:

Read *The Silver Chair* by C.S. Lewis taking notes and paying close attention to the main events, themes, and character qualities of the main characters. There will be a short comprehension quiz on the first day of school.

If you have any questions about the summer reading assignments, please email Mrs. Webb at lwebb@tcsopelika.org.

HAPPY READING!!!