



TRINITY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
A Classical and Christian Academy

Rising Ninth Grade Summer Reading

You will be required the first portion of Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan and The Last Battle by C.S. Lewis this summer. Neither work is long. Hopefully this will give you all a breather this summer!

Assignment 1: *Pilgrim's Progress*

The Pilgrim's Progress is an extended allegory which describes the journey of the character Pilgrim as he travels through many obstacles toward the Celestial City. We will learn all about what an allegory is when you come to class.

This summer you will ONLY read the first 6 chapters of the book. You will annotate in a reading journal. **PLEASE BUY the following edition from Canon Classics: ISBN: 978-1-944503-17-8**

During the first two weeks of class, we will be learning how to have a Harkness discussion using this book and it will be counted as your first test. **Therefore it is vital that you actually read the book, and take notes, rather than reading summaries. Those who don't will not do well.**

We will finish reading it as a class, but will start in chapter 7. There will not be time for you to catch up once school starts!

Journal Instructions:

Buy a blank notebook or journal (I like an 8x5 kraft paper journal for this, but any notebook is fine).

1. Write the Title, the author's name and the date of publication on the first page.
2. The next two pages will be your characters list. Label it, and add characters as they are introduced. **Be sure to note what chapter they first appear and a short description of them.**
3. Flip to page 4 in your journal. Begin your chapter summaries here.
4. Number each chapter as you read and write a 1-2 sentence summary about what happened. You do not need to include every detail – Just the main events.
5. For each chapter, write ONE annotation (Something you notice, a question you have, a character quality, a literary device.) **Be sure to include a quote and a page number for each annotation.**
6. When you are finished with the **first 6** chapters, put your journal in a safe place and bring it on the first day of school.
7. It will be graded. 😊

(Please turn this sheet over for Assignment 2.)

Assignment II:

Read *The Last Battle* by C.S. Lewis. It's the last book in the Chronicles of Narnia series, so enjoy it! It's light and easy to read. You may want to take brief notes on each chapters plot points and characters. **We will have a short test on this book when you come back from the summer.**

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

HAPPY READING!!