

## **Ideas for your report on St Francis**

St Francis's charism – elements and examples

What made so many people want to follow Francis and his spirituality?

What particular episode(s) in the life of Francis did you find particularly meaningful for your life? Why? How did the episode(s) affect you?

How did St Francis interpret the words "Rebuild my Church"? What did he do about it? How did the meaning for him change over time? What do those words mean to you in this time and place?

Read why Pope Francis chose the name Francis on the back of this page. Use that as an outline, giving examples from his biography.

### **Generic suggestions for a book report:**

Here are questions to consider when you write your analysis: (Remember to always justify your reasons with an explanation. In other words, always answer WHY after you state your thoughts.)

Did you like this book?

Could you relate to something in the character's life?

Did the book teach you anything?

What made the book difficult or interesting?

What surprised you and why?

What do you know now that you didn't know before?

Would you read another book by this author?

What motivated the main character?

How did the main character change throughout the story?

Talk about author's craft. What about the writing was notable?

What was the symbolism in the book?

What wisdom did older characters impart to younger ones?

Source: <https://www.readbrightly.com/write-killer-book-report/>

## **Pope Francis's comments on why he chose the name Francis**

Some people wanted to know why the Bishop of Rome wished to be called Francis. Some thought of Francis Xavier, Francis De Sales, and also Francis of Assisi. I will tell you the story. During the election, I was seated next to the Archbishop Emeritus of São Paolo and Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Clergy, Cardinal Claudio Hummes: a good friend, a good friend! When things were looking dangerous, he encouraged me. And when the votes reached two thirds, there was the usual applause, because the Pope had been elected. And he gave me a hug and a kiss, and said: "Don't forget the poor!" And those words came to me: the poor, the poor. Then, right away, thinking of the poor, I thought of Francis of Assisi. Then I thought of all the wars, as the votes were still being counted, till the end. Francis is also the man of peace. That is how the name came into my heart: Francis of Assisi. For me, he is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation; these days we do not have a very good relationship with creation, do we? He is the man who gives us this spirit of peace, the poor man ... How I would like a Church which is poor and for the poor! Afterwards, people were joking with me.

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