

# WCS SUMMER READING GUIDELINES - \*Condensed

[\*See Detailed Version for more in-depth explanation and examples.]

For All English Classes 9th - 12th

## *Annotated Journaling Guidelines*

Journals due 1st day of school. [\*Journal is worth 2 test grades.]

### How to Begin:

- Obtain a copy of the required book/books.
- Purchase a small spiral notebook or composition book.  
Make sure it is big enough to handle the annotations for both required books.
- Get a pen (NOT pencil) and keep it with your notebook.

### What to Write in Your Journal:

- **Page One:** Your *name*, *title*, and *author* of the book (underlining the title).
- **Page Two and Beyond - Reaction Pages:** Write down your reactions to the novel as you read. You may choose:
  - ✓ to write a few sentences after every chapter... or
  - ✓ write 1/2 page after every 3 chapters

Use numbers to indicate which chapters you are covering. Do not summarize plot. This is NOT a "book report" - do NOT tell what is happening, but instead tell how you are reacting to what is happening.

### 3 Additional Pages Required for "Honors" Classes:

[Levels 1 and 2 may add extra credit points with these pages.]

- **Character Page** - List characters as you meet them in the story. Include detailed descriptions (adjectives, significant facts about them) to help you remember who they are. As a new character is introduced, add the name and appropriate descriptions.
- **Theme Page** - On a separate page, record **3 specific themes** that you note as you read. Remember, themes are written as *complete sentences* - universal statements about life that the author is making.
- **Memorable Quotes** - Use this page to record **5 memorable quotes** that you have found. In parentheses note why you listed each one. These will be lines that mean something to you personally.

## Oral Presentation Guidelines

Presentations begin 1st week of school. [*Oral Presentation is a Quiz Grade.*]

Your presentation should be *4-5 minutes* in length. Prepare **index cards** with information about your book including:

- **Title**
- **Author** (extra information about the author can be included)
- **Brief summary** about plot or major events
- **Your reaction to the novel** – this should be the bulk of the report
  - Discuss how the novel relates to your experience or relevant current events.
  - Compare the author's worldview with a Biblical Worldview.
- **Optional Poster and/or Props** (will likely add up to +10 creativity points to your grade), create a place for you to mount your notes (on back of poster), and divert attention from you ☺!