

**Wilmington Christian School**  
**Middle School Summer Reading Entering Grade 8**  
Revised 5/18/2010

English Summer Reading and Assignments

All three assignments are averaged together as one test grade for English. The averages are listed below.

1. 50% Novel of Diversity  
*The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
**This novel of diversity is required for all students. An essay is required for this book. The directions for the essay are listed on page 3 of this document.**
  
2. 30% Historical Christian Fiction (See suggested list of Christian authors)  
**This historical Christian fiction book must be a minimum of 100 pages. A poster advertising this book is required. The directions for this poster are listed on page 3 of this document.**
  
3. 20% Personal Choice Book (Read for Enjoyment!)  
**Choose a book with a minimum of 150 pages that you would enjoy reading just for fun. The book must be brought to class on the first day of school in order to receive the 20% credit. A parent signature is required verifying the completion of this reading.**

Bible Summer Reading

- *Gospel of John, Holy Bible*  
**A parent signature is required verifying completion of this reading.**

**English Summer Reading Verification Form (Personal Choice)**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has read \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
for the English Summer Reading requirement.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to be filled in and returned to your child's English teacher on the first day of school.

**Bible Summer Reading Verification Form**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has read the Bible Summer Reading Requirement.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to be filled in and returned to your child's Bible teacher on the first day of school.

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**8<sup>th</sup> Grade: *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* Essay**

Consider the author's purpose for writing this book. There may be many different purposes and only the author himself really knows what these purposes are. However, the Epilogue suggests that Curtis is concerned about honoring the memories of the people who suffered and died during the civil rights movement. He also wants to remind readers that ordinary people are often heroes. Other purposes might include entertaining readers and enjoying the pure pleasure of telling a good story. Brainstorm what you feel is the author's purposes for writing this book. (I have given several ideas in this paragraph). Decide what you feel are the main reasons.

You need to write an essay stating what you feel is the author's purposes for writing this book. You will be graded not only on the content of this essay but also on your format and grammar usage. Returning students: I expect a five paragraph essay.

Details: Typed  
Double-Spaced  
Size 12 Font  
Times New Roman

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Historical Christian Fiction Poster**

This poster must advertise or "sell" the book.

Details: Poster Board no smaller than 9x12  
Include the title and author of the book

## Christian Historical Fiction – Middle School

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title/Series</u>
Barbour Publishing Biros, Florence	<i>Sisters in Time Series</i> <i>Dog Jack: The heartwarming Story of a Runaway</i> <i>Slave and his best friend</i>
Bradbury, Bianca Bond, Douglas Carr, Mary Jane Cook, Norman	Flight into Spring (Harper's Ferry) Faith & Freedom Trilogy (boys)* Children of the Covered Wagon Sam in the Crimea: A Victorian Adventure Based on the Work of Lord Shaftesbury
Dick, Lois Hoadley Dunlop, Ed Finley, Martha	False Coin, True Coin (John Bunyan) The Young Refugees Series Elsie Dinsmore Series (girls) Life of Faith Series (girls)
Fitzgerald, John Foster, Sharon Haggard, H. Rider	Brave Buffalo Fighter (boys) Abraham's Well H. Rider Haggard Set – The Brethren, Lysbeth: A tale of the Dutch, Pear Maiden
Henty, G.A.	A Tale of the Western Plains In Freedom's Cause Out of Dust (Dustbowl)
Hesse, Karen Jackson, Dave & Neta Jewett, Eleanore Johnson, Lois Walfrid Jones, Douglas LeSourd, Nancy Lutz, Norma Marshall, Manuel & Maxwell Martin, Rebecca Nixon, Joan Lowry O'Dell, Scott	Trailblazer Series The Hidden Treasure of Glaston (England 1171) Viking Quest Series Huguenot Garden ( 17 <sup>th</sup> Century) Liberty Letters Series (girls) American Adventure Series Crimson Cross Series
Oke, Janette Olasky, Susan Ray, Mary	Fountain of Life (NT –Life of Jesus) Orphan Train Adventure Series The Hawk That Dares Not Hunt by Day (Reformation) Janette Oke Classics for Girls Series Young American Patriots Series* The Ides of April Beyond the Desert Gate (1 <sup>st</sup> Century)
Reed, Stephanie Rue, Nancy	Across the River Series The Chicago Years Series* The Charleston Years Series*
Smiley, John VanStockum, Hilda Wibberley, Leonard Williamson, Joanne	Walking Under Jacob' Ladder(6/08, 300+pages) The Borrowed House (WWII – Europe) Flint's Island (boys – Long John Silver) Hittite Warrior (264 pgs, Uriah the Hittite) God King Jacobin's Daughter The Eagles Have Flown The Glorious Conspiracy The Iron Charm And Forever Free To Dream Upon a Crown
Woods, Brenda Yates, Elizabeth	The Red Rose Box (Coretta Scott King Award) The Journeyman Prudence Crandall

