

2025 Junior High Summer Reading List



Summer reading will help each student improve vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills that will make all studies more beneficial to academic achievement.

You must read one of the following books on the list below. You must not have read the book before.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE: As a Christian, a person may wonder, "Should Christians study the classics of literature?" Christians should be aware that man's writings reflect his inner thoughts. This can be seen throughout a study of literature and the authors' lives. If we look at secular literature (classics) through discerning eyes, our own faith and testimony can be strengthened. The selections chosen for the reading list are either classic in nature or carry strong literary merit. Berean Christian School cannot be responsible for all content in every selection. If you find reading a particular book objectionable to you or your parents, please choose another book.

Please be advised: copied, summarized, or paraphrased information from an internet source or any other source is unacceptable. **THIS IS PLAGIARISM!** Be sure to correctly document sources that are used and use your own thoughts based on what you have learned to complete ANY writing assignment. Common knowledge and your own thoughts do NOT need to be documented.

Writing Assignment Directions:

7th grade:

- Choose three quotes from the book and explain why it is important to the story.
- Complete the chart as shown on the next page of this packet using correct MLA formatting.

8th grade:

- Choose four quotes from the book and explain why it is important to the story.
- Complete the chart as shown on the next page of this packet using correct MLA formatting.

Due Date: Friday, August 8, 2025 (Quiz Grade)

*Note-New students who enroll at Berean July 2025 or after will be excused from this assignment. *

Meaningful Quote: Who said it and what page the quote is found on.	Explain the circumstances behind the quote (provide background details, such as time, place, and situation in which the quote was spoken). 3-4 sentences	Explain why the quote is important to the story. (3-5 sentences)
Charlie Gordon said, "I don't remember ever hating anyone before, but this morning I hated Gimpy with all my heart" (Keys 312).	Charlie, who had a low IQ at the beginning of the book, had a surgery done that made him smarter. He is now noticing many parts of his life he never did before. For example, he can now read the signs outside the bakery and remember his family members' names. He thinks this quote when he goes back to work at his old job at Donner's Bakery and realizes Gimpy is not only cheating Mr. Donner, but was using Charlie to help him when Charlie wasn't "smart" enough to understand it earlier in the book.	This quote is important because it shows how much Charlie's new knowledge has changed him and also shows how it can have a negative effect. He didn't expect this. He now knows information he doesn't necessarily want to know, and has to deal with new difficulties in his relationships with people. Sometimes knowing is not always for the better. There are times people do not need to know everything for their own protection.

7th and 8th Grade Book Choices (Choose one)

- *Tangerine* by Edward Bloom
- *White Fang* by Jack London
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L' Engle
- *Jacob Have I Loved* by Katherine Paterson
- *The Last Battle* by C.S. Lewis
- *Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer* by John Grisham
- *The Messenger* by Lois Lowry
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller
- *Gifted Hands* by Ben Carson
- *Joni* by Joni Eareckson Tada
- *Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank