

The following is the suggested reading list for Berean Christian School junior high school students. Summer reading will help each student improve vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills that will make all studies more beneficial to academic achievement.

7th/8th Book Choices (Choose One)

Tangerine – By Edward Bloom

Shakespeare's Secret – By Elise Broach

Point Blank – By Anthony Horowitz

The Magician's Nephew – By C.S. Lewis

Black Duck – By Janet Taylor Lisle

Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer – By John Grisham

The Messenger – By Lois Lowry

This Star Won't Go Out – By Esther Earl

The Fellowship of the Ring – By J.R.R. Tolkien

Writing Assignment Directions

- 7th grade:
 - Choose three quotes from the book that give insight into the main character.
 - Complete the chart as shown below using correct MLA formatting.

- 8th grade:
 - Choose four quotes from the book that give insight into the main character.
 - Complete the chart as shown below using correct MLA formatting.

<p>Meaningful Quote: Who said it and what page the quote is found on.</p>	<p>Explain the circumstances behind the quote (provide background details, such as time, place, and situation in which the quote was spoken). 3-4 sentences</p>	<p>Explain why the quote is important to the story. (3-5 sentences)</p>
<p>"I don't remember ever hating anyone before, but this morning I hated Gimpy with all my heart." Charlie Gordon said this quote. (Keys 312)</p>	<p>Charlie, who had a low IQ at the beginning of the book, had a surgery done that made him smarter and is now noticing many parts of his life he never did before.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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 - 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.</p>

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High School Book Choices (Choose One)

Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of WWII – Joseph Bruchac

Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast – Robin McKinley

Alas, Babylon – Pat Frank

The Mirror Cracked From Side to Side– Agatha Christie

Black – Ted Dekker

Thr3e – Ted Dekker

The Last Jihad – Joel Rosenberg

The Book Thief – Marcus Zusack

Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus – Nabeel Qureshi

Redeeming Love – Francine Rivers

Do Hard Things – Alex Harris and Brett Harris

The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith – Timothy Keller

Pressure Points: A Guide to Navigating Student Stress – Shelby Abbott

Don't Check Your Brains at the Door – Josh McDowell

We Are Witnesses: Five Diaries of Teenagers Who Died in the Holocaust – Boas, Jacob

Writing Assignment Directions

- 9th / 10th grade:
 - Choose five quotes from the book that give insight into the main character.
 - Complete the chart as shown below using correct MLA formatting.

- 11th / 12th grade:
 - Choose six quotes from the book that give insight into the main character.
 - Complete the chart as shown below using correct MLA formatting.

Quote	What is going on? (1-2 sentences)	What it shows about the character. (1-2 sentences)	Why is it important? 1-2 sentences)
Ex. "That is so, Monsieur. Now I enjoy the world" (Christie 131).	This quote occurs moments after Hercule Poirot meets Mr. Van Aldin, the father of the murdered woman. This is how responds when asked if he is retired.	This seemingly innocent quote shows a great deal about the character. It shows he is a highly educated man and that he emphasizes appearances.	This is important because it shows why he is observant. It also shows how he is skilled in solving cases.

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