



## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade English students at Berean Christian School are expected to complete a summer reading assignment.

Reading over the summer will help each student improve vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills that will make all studies more beneficial to academic achievement. The summer reading/writing assignments for all students will be **due as follows: Objective Test over the selected book will be on Friday, August 9, 2019. The writing assignment based on the SAME book will be due on Tuesday, August 20, 2019.** Students **will** be expected to turn in the written work as a hard copy **AND** upload the assignment(s) to turnitin.com. *Instructions for uploading the assignment(s) will be given the first week of school, so please just save your work on a USB or on Google Docs-(preferred) until then.*

### **I. Summer Reading Choices**

Choose **one** of the following books to read and then complete the writing assignment explained below; this assignment will be due **Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>** for a quiz grade, and will then be used as the basis of a writing assignment that will count as a quiz grade later in the quarter. An objective quiz on the book will be given in class on **Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**.

1. *Tangerine* – By Edward Bloor
2. *Point Blank* – By Anthony Horowitz
3. *Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer* – By John Grisham

### **II. Writing Assignment:**

For the book you choose to read, choose the THREE most important events within the book. As you identify and record 3 significant events, **be sure to follow the analysis format indicated below very carefully to receive full credit.** These events should be clearly evident and will need quotes to showcase and explain why you feel this is an important event. Record the quotes and your analysis of them using the format explained below. **Be sure to follow the analysis format below very carefully to receive full credit.**

### **Writing Assignment Directions**

1. Set up your page using MLA format and title it “Important Events Journal for \_\_\_\_\_” (fill in the blank with your chosen book name).
2. Under the title create a two-column table.
3. In the left column type the quotes and their in-text citations (the author’s last name and the page number on which the quote is found).
4. In the right column type out your analysis of the quote; you should **NOT** just sum the quote up. Instead, explain **a) what is going on briefly** (1-2 sentences), **b) what is the important event** (2-3 sentences) and **c) why that is important to the story** (3-4 sentence), for a total of 6- 9 sentences of your personal analysis per quote.
5. Complete a Works Cited page with the corrected Works Cited information from the edition of the book you used.

*Note: It may be best to put sticky notes in the book as you read and find quotes you think are important and then do the assignment when you are finished, picking the 3 best examples.*

**Writing Assignment Example:**

Student 1

Sample Student

Mrs. Stegall

English 8

15 August 2017

Important Event Journal for Hatchet

<p>“They would not return. He would never leave now, never get out of here.” (Paulsen 114).</p>	<p>When Brian is lost in the Canadian Wilderness, he is alone for about 4 days until a rescue plane finally comes. However the plane never gets to where Brian is because he is so far off of the original flight plan ( Paulsen 112). This event is important because at this point Brian loses all hope in ever being found. He has a lot of “bad luck” including the pilot having a heart attack (Paulsen 10), suffering a major concussion (28), and the plane not seeing him (114). At this point in the story Brian is devastated and does not want to live any longer (118).</p>
<p>“It was a tornado” (Paulsen 149).</p>	<p>Brian has been lost in the wilderness for close to 2 months after his plane crashes. Brian faces a lot of trials and setbacks while he is trying to survive alone. A tornado comes and destroys everything he has built up (Paulsen 149). This is an important event because after the tornado destroys everything the plane in the lake is visible. This gives Brian the idea to go and search for the rescue pack. Even though this event seems like it could be the end of everything, it is a crucial turning point in the story. Brian is able to not only get the survival pack, but it ultimately helps in the rescue of Brian.</p>

**For the writing assignment you must use MLA format (This will be explained the first week of school which includes specific: font size/type, heading, margins, in-text citing, etc...Please see rubric for guidelines). Please title your paper as follows: Report on \_\_\_\_\_ (insert title of book)**

**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.
- 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.

**The following are short summaries of each book. Summaries were taken from Lexile.com and Good Reads. Each description will list the Lexile score.**

1. *Tangerine* – By Edward Bloor (680L) Young-Adult Fiction

“Edward Bloor's award-winning novel *Tangerine* grabs readers by the collar on the first page and never lets go. *Tangerine*, Florida once known for its citrus groves is now an uninhabitable quagmire of muck fires and school-swallowing sinkholes. Still, twelve-year-old Paul sees the move as a way to start anew, maybe even make a name for himself in middle school soccer despite his father's obsession with his high-school-age brother Erik's future in football. Paul is visually impaired (without his Coke bottle glasses), but it's everyone else who seems to be blind to Erik's dangerous nature. Written as a series of Paul's journal entries, *Tangerine* is a gut-wrenching coming-of-age novel about truth, memory, culture, courage, social consciousness, classism, the environment . . . and soccer. Paul is a character well worth cheering for. Underdogs of the world unite! (Lexile)

2. *Point Blank* – By Anthony Horowitz (610L) Adventure Fiction

“MI6 assigns Alex Rider, 14, undercover at an elite prep school for teen rebels after two fathers are assassinated. Principal Dr. Grief and vicious cigar-smoking Mrs. Stellenbosch are the only teachers. All the students act studious, perfect - and identical. When Alex finds the plot, the villains find him, and the mountain peak has only a black ski run escape.” (Good Reads)

3. *Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer* – By John Grisham (790L) Legal Thriller/Young-Adult Fiction

“A perfect murder A faceless witness A lone courtroom champion knows the whole truth . . . and he's only thirteen years old Meet Theodore Boone In the small city of Strattenburg, there are many lawyers, and though he's only thirteen years old, Theo Boone thinks he's one of them. Theo knows every judge, policeman, court clerk-and a lot about the law. He dreams of being a great trial lawyer, of a life in the courtroom. But Theo finds himself in court much sooner than expected. Because he knows so much-maybe too much-he is suddenly dragged into the middle of a sensational murder trial. A cold-blooded killer is about to go free, and only Theo knows the truth. The stakes are high, but Theo won't stop until justice is served. Brimming with the intrigue and suspense that made John Grisham a #1 international bestseller and the undisputed master of the legal thriller. Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer will keep readers guessing and pages turning.” (Lexile)