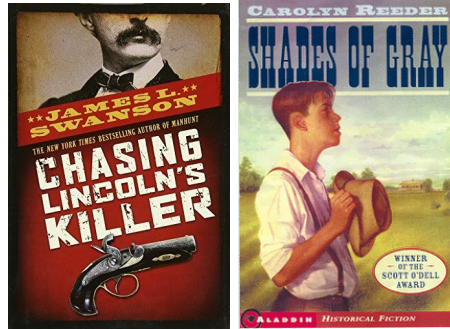


Blessed Sacrament School 7th Grade Summer Reading

For students entering the seventh grade, the required reading is ***Chasing Lincoln's Killer*** by James Swanson and ***Shades of Gray*** by Carolyn Reeder. For a third book, you may choose either ***Call of the Wild*** by Jack London or ***The Cay*** by Theodore Taylor.

Required:



Choose one:



Nonfiction Requirement: *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*

- A. Provide the information below typed on 8.5" x 11" paper using 12-point Arial or Times New Roman black font with 1.5 line spacing.
- B. List the name of each conspirator and underline it. Beneath the name provide a brief description of the person as well as the consequences or lack of consequences for the person.
- C. List the name of each victim of the conspiracy and underline it. Beneath each name identify the person and state the result of the attack on them.
- D. List the places to which Booth traveled after shooting Lincoln and the time he was there. The list needs to be in chronological order. Identify the town and state where they were located. Use Ford's Theater as the starting point. See the example below.
 - April 14, 1865, Ford's Theater, Washington, D.C.

Fiction Requirements: *Shades of Gray* by Carolyn Reeder

In addition, choose one of the novels listed below:

1. ***Call of the Wild*** by Jack London
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Take notes as you read each novel focusing on the main events and major characters. Make sure you can discuss how the main character changes throughout the novel. Upon return to school, you will have assessments on these novels.

Use the table on the next page for taking notes. Complete a table for each book. You will be able to use your printed notes during the assessments for the novels.

Anyone looking for additional reading suggestions can check out the Summer Reading Page of Mrs. Ferguson's blog: (https://librarybss.blogspot.com/p/summer-reading_24.html).

Your Name:

Title of Novel:

Novel Notes

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An antagonist is the person(s), things, situations that causes the conflict for the protagonist. 2. Who is the main antagonist?	
The central conflict (problem/struggle) of the story is a struggle between two opposing forces. 3. What is the central conflict?	
The inciting incident is the event that sets the central conflict in motion. It is an essential point in a novel. 4. What is the inciting incident in the novel?	
The climax of a story is the point (event) of highest interest and suspense in a literary work. The climax is a turning point in the story. 5. What event is the climax?	
The resolution is the point at which the central conflict ended. 6. What is the resolution to the main conflict, and when does it occur in the story?	
A narrator is a person or character who tells the story. 7. Who is the narrator?	
Setting in a literary work is the time and place in which it happens. Setting often changes as the novel progresses. 8. What is the most important setting of the novel? Why?	
Suspense is a feeling of expectations, anxiousness, or curiosity. Writers create suspense by raising questions in the reader's mind and by using details that create strong emotions. Suspense works the plot toward the climax. 9. Name a character in chapter one that causes suspense. Tell how he/she causes suspense.	
Realism is the attempt to render in art or literature an accurate portrayal of reality (life). The author gives the characters realistic qualities with which the reader can identify. 10. Name one character in the novel that you think had many realistic qualities. What are those qualities?	
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