



# Hampton Christian Academy

## 7th Grade

Dear Parents,

As we enter this summer, all of us — parents, students, and teachers — are excited about the well-earned break from the rigors of school. At the same time, however, we recognize that much hard-earned knowledge tends to slip away during the summer months unless we take measures to retain mental acuity. There is no question that one of the most valuable components to your student's academic success is a sustained pattern of **reading**. Students who are strong, avid readers are generally proficient students and competent test-takers. Hampton Christian Academy remains committed to doing all we can to develop our students' reading skills and help them discover the life-long pleasure reading can bring to their lives.

Each student in grades 7-11 is **required to read a minimum of three books** during the summer break. One of the books has already been chosen for the student based on thematic content and grade level. This selected book will then be discussed the first week of school and a test will be given in class on the required book. This test will account for 50% of the student's summer reading test grade. An additional 25% will be earned by successfully completing a computerized Accelerated Reader (AR) quiz on a book from the grade level Accelerated Reader book list. AR quizzes consist of 10-20 questions focusing on reading comprehension. Students may drop by the school library on Fridays during the summer from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. to complete an AR quiz, or they may take it during the first week of school. However, we strongly recommend that students not procrastinate in reading the AR book, and advise them to take the AR quiz as soon as possible after completing the reading to ensure they are able to do well and earn the maximum credit. The third book to be read must be selected from the appropriate grade level reading list. Students will need to write a formal report for the third book, accounting for 25% of their summer reading grade. The requirements for the written report will be available on the school website throughout the summer. Students and parents are required to sign the honor statement at the bottom of the report to receive credit. The summer reading test grade will be averaged with the first quarter grades for English next year.

Students and parents are encouraged to establish individual reading goals to aid students in their time management. We strongly recommend that students complete both the list-chosen book and the AR book, along with the associated documentation, prior to the beginning of August. The AR quiz printout (signed by both the student and the library quiz monitor) and the written report, with signatures, will be due the first week of school. As the test on the required class book will also be at the end of the first week back to school, reading in June and July will help to avert a reading crisis in August.

This year's grade level summer reading lists will be available online throughout the summer at the school website: [www.hamptonchristianacademy.org](http://www.hamptonchristianacademy.org). We recognize that there are many excellent books that are not on our summer reading lists; however, to receive credit towards the summer reading test grade, student-selected books **must come from the provided reading lists**. It is our hope that students will read other books in addition to those required.

The success of any program is the direct result of parental support and involvement. We encourage you to look over the book list, visit the public library, and help your student get started on summer reading by June. We realize this program requires extra effort from both you and your student. It is just such effort that will reap academic benefits in the life of your student. We look forward to the continued partnering with you in this effort to help your student reach his/her God-given potential.

Sincerely,  
*Meredith C. Cowley*  
Meredith Cowley  
Director of Guidance

## HCA REQUIRED SUMMER READING - 7th Grade

Students who read gain information, increase vocabulary, and improve comprehension. Therefore, to promote student reading and evaluate reading proficiency, HCA Upper School is continuing its REQUIRED summer reading program.

Summer reports (written report & AR quiz) are due to English teachers during the first week of school. IN ADDITION, STUDENTS MUST READ THE *REQUIRED* CLASS BOOK FOR THEIR GRADE LEVEL AND BE PREPARED TO TAKE A WRITTEN TEST THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL.

The following credit will be given for books read during the summer:

Book 1 - Required Class Book Test ( <i>Sign of the Beaver</i> by Elizabeth Speare) =	50 pts. possible
Book 2 - Accelerated Reader Quiz =	25 pts. possible
Book 3 - Written Report =	<u>25 pts. possible</u>
<b>Summer reading test grade =</b>	<b>100 pts. possible</b>

The above summer reading grade assumes satisfactory completion of work. Students must score at least 50% on Accelerated Reader quizzes to receive any credit for the AR book. The AR quiz is to be taken in the upper school library on any Friday during the summer, between 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. (Exceptions to the Friday schedule will be posted online or communicated via Parent Alerts or e-mails.) The AR quiz printout includes an honor pledge that must be signed by the student to receive credit. The written report must be neat, thoughtful, and correct to receive full credit, written in a style appropriate to a formal paper. The 50-point class book test will be given within the first few days of school, so students should be sure they have read and reviewed their required book by the first week of school.

Break into summer reading with a positive attitude. Don't procrastinate! Visit your church or public library, stop by local book stores, download to your device, trade books with friends. Make time to read—on the beach, in the car, anywhere.

Use the following form as the **required format** for a one-to-two page record of the book read for the written report. You may (1) print and attach a copy of this form to your formal report, or (2) incorporate the form information in your report. Either way, be sure to answer each question and be sure to include the statement: "I have read this book during the summer of \_\_\_\_\_ and have not read the book for a class or previous book report." Remember to sign your name and have your parent sign. Be truthful: do not sign until you have read the book!

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### STUDENT READING FORM

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHOR: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PAGES: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Summarize the story (plot) in one or two paragraphs (200 words minimum).
2. Describe/discuss at least one of the characters from the book. Do not focus solely on physical appearance: consider personality traits, attitudes, quirks, etc. Explain the character's significance or role in the book. This will be a separate paragraph from the plot paragraph(s).
3. Explain the theme or purpose of the book. In 2-3 sentences, discuss the main point (lesson, moral) of the book.

**Please read the following statement and sign below:**

**I HAVE READ THIS BOOK DURING SUMMER of \_\_\_\_\_ (year) , AND I HAVE NOT READ THE BOOK FOR A PRIOR CLASS OR PREVIOUS BOOK REPORT.**

STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## SUMMER BOOK LIST - GRADES 7 & 8 (Revised May 2018)

Rising seventh and eighth graders must read **THREE** books for their Summer Reading credit. Each student **MUST READ THE REQUIRED BOOK** for his/her grade level and **two additional books from the lists**. See specific details in the two lists below. No more than two books by the same author may be read to count towards Summer Reading Credit. **Choose a book you haven't read before.** Most of the titles listed are classics, Newbery books, Christian fiction series, or top picks for your age group...enjoy!

1. **REQUIRED BOOK:** The one your whole class takes a test on the first week of school...NOT your AR book!

*7th Grade - Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth Speare (a few used copies for \$2 may still be available at HCA Upper School Library)*

*8th Grade - Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes (7th graders cannot read Johnny Tremain)*

2. **ACCELERATED READER BOOK:**

Read a book listed below, then come by the school library to take your quiz (Fridays only). Try to take the quiz soon after reading the book or it will be harder to pass the quiz. Read for comprehension. Do not read abridged or adapted versions...that can result in a failed quiz!

- \* Alcott, Louisa May – *Little Women, Jo's Boys* (*Little Women*: Be sure to read both Part I & Part II to pass test)
- \* Avi – *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, The Man Who Was Poe, Crispin*
- \* Armstrong, William H. – *Souder* (dog)
- \* Burnett, Frances H. – *A Little Princess, The Secret Garden*
- \* Burnford, Sheila – *The Incredible Journey* (animals)
- \* Clark, Ann Nolan – *Secret of the Andes*
- \* Crane, Stephen – *The Red Badge of Courage* (Civil War)
- \* DeAngeli, Margerite – *The Door in the Wall* - (Middle Ages)
- \* DeCamillo, Kate – *Tale of Despereaux* (humorous adventure)
- \* Gilbreth, Frank and Ernestine Carey – *Cheaper by the Dozen* (Autobiographical/Humor)
- \* Keller, Helen – *Story of My Life* - (Autobiography/Blind)
- \* Kelly, Eric P. – *Trumpeter of Krakow* (war)
- \* Kjølgaard, Jim – *Outlaw Red, Big Red, Irish Red* (animal)
- \* Latham, Jean Lee – *Carry on Mr. Bowditch*
- \* L'Engle, Madeleine – *A Wrinkle in Time, A Wind in the Door*
- \* Lenski, Lois – *Indian Captive* (late 1700s Indians/settlers)
- \* London, Jack – *Call of the Wild, Sea-Wolf, White Fang*
- \* Lowry, Lois – *Number the Stars* (Holocaust)
- \* MacDonald, George - *The Golden Key, At the Back of the North Wind*
- \* Montgomery, Rutherford – *Kildee House* (animals)
- \* North, Sterling – *Rascal* (animal)
- \* O'Dell, Scott – *Island of the Blue Dolphins, The King's Fifth, Zia*
- \* Pyle, Howard – *Men of Iron, The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood*
- \* Raskin, Ellen – *The Westing Game* (mystery)
- \* Rawls, Wilson – *Where the Red Fern Grows* (dog)
- \* Richter, Conrad – *Light in the Forest* (Indians/Settlers)
- \* Sawyer, Ruth – *Roller Skates*
- \* Sewell, Anna – *Black Beauty* (Horses)
- \* Speare, Elizabeth – *Witch of Blackbird Pond, The Bronze Bow*
- \* Sperry, Armstrong – *Call It Courage*
- \* Saint-Exupery, Antoine de – *The Little Prince*
- \* Stevenson, Robert Louis – *Kidnapped*
- \* Taylor, Mildred – *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
- \* Verne, Jules – *Journey to the Center of the Earth*
- \* Wiggin, Kate – *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*
- \* Wells, H.G. – *Time Machine*
- \* White, E.B. – *The Trumpet of the Swan*
- \* Wilder, Laura Ingalls – *Farmer Boy, By the Shores of Silver Lake, The Long Winter, These Happy Golden Years*

**POPULAR SERIES: Accelerated Reader Quizzes are available for the specific books indicated.**

- \* *Adventures of the Northwoods* series - Lois Walfrid Johnson: Books #1-10 (*Disappearing Stranger*, etc.)
- \* *An American Adventure* series – Lee Roddy: Books #1-9 (*The Overland Escape*, *The Desperate Search*, etc.)
- \* *Anne of Green Gables* series - L.M. Montgomery: Books #1-6
- \* *Cedar River Daydreams* series – Judy Baer: Books #1, 2, 7-10, 14, 18, 21, 23, 24, 27
- \* *Chip Hilton* sports series - Clair Bee/Farley (*Fourth Down Showdown*, *Championship Ball*, *Dugout Jinx*, *Hardcourt Upset*, *Hoop Crazy*, *A Pass and a Prayer*, *Touchdown Pass*, *Clutch Hitter!*)
- \* *Chronicles of Narnia* - C.S. Lewis (entire series)
- \* *Cooper Family Adventures* - Frank Peretti: Books #1-8 (*Trapped at the Bottom of the Sea*, etc.) (Also AR Quizzes for *This Present Darkness*, *Piercing the Darkness*, *Nightmare Academy*)
- \* *Christy Miller* series - Robin Jones Gunn: Books #1-4, 9, 10, 12
- \* *Hardy Boys* mysteries – Franklin W. Dixon: Books from the first series: # 1-50, 56-58 (*Tower Treasure*, *House on the Cliff*, *Secret of the Old Mill*, *Missing Chums*, *Hunting for Hidden Gold*, *Shore Road Mystery*, *Secret of the Caves*, etc.)
- \* *Jennie McGrady* mysteries - Patricia H. Rushford (*Deceived*, *Betrayed*)
- \* *Ladd Family Adventures* - Lee Roddy: Books #1-11 (*Secret of the Shark Pit*, *Legend of Fire*, *Eye of the Hurricane*, etc.)
- \* *Left Behind* (Books #1-11) & *Left Behind Kids* series (Books #1-28) - Jerry B. Jenkins/Tim LaHaye
- \* *Lily* series – Nancy Rue: Books #1, 2, 7, 8, 10-12, 14 (*Here's Lily*, *Lily Robbins, M.D.*, *Horse Crazy Lily*, *Lily Rules!*)
- \* *Lightning on Ice* series - Sigmund Brouwer: Books #1-4, 6 (*Rebel Glory*, *All-Star Pride*, *Thunderbird Spirit*, etc.)
- \* *Love Comes Softly* - Janette Oke: Book #1 (Also: *Bluebird and Sparrow*, *Roses for Mama*, *Heart of the Wilderness*, *Gown of Spanish Lace*)
- \* *Mandie* series – Lois Gladys Leppard: Books #1-25, 27, 28, 30 (*Mandie and the Secret Tunnel*, *Mandie and the Cherokee Legend*, *Mandie and the Forbidden Attic*, *Mandie and the Trunk's Secret*, *Mandie and Joe's Christmas Surprise*, etc.)
- \* *Mars Diaries* series - Sigmund Brouwer: Books 9-10 (Mission 9: Manchurian Sector, Mission 10: Last Stand)
- \* *Matt Christopher Sports* books – Matt Christopher (*Soccer Halfback*, *Soccer Duel*, *Soccer Scoop*, *Winning Stroke*, *Kid Who Only Hit Homers*, *No Arm in Left Field*, *Football Fugitive*, *Comeback Challenge*, *The Basket Counts*, *Submarine Pitch*)
- \* *Megan Parnell* Mysteries and *Adventure Quest* series - Joan Rawlings Biggar (*Danger at Half-Moon Lake*, *High Desert Secrets*, *Shipwreck on the Lights*, *Trapped at Haunted Canyon*, *Treasure at Morning Gulch*, *Trouble in Yakima Valley*)
- \* *Nancy Drew* mystery Stories – Carolyn Keene: First series: #1-56 (*Secret of the Old Clock*, *Hidden Staircase*, etc.)
- \* *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series – Rick Riordan (*The Lightning Thief*, *Sea of Monsters*, *The Titan's Curse*, *Battle of the Labyrinth*, *The Last Olympian*)
- \* *Shadow Children* series – Margaret Haddix: Book #1: *Among the Hidden*
- \* *Sierra Jensen* series - Robin Jones Gunn: Book #9 *Now Picture This*
- \* *Sports Mystery* series - Sigmund Brouwer: Book #4: *Titan Clash*
- \* *Summerhill Secrets* series– Beverly Lewis: Books #1-5 (*Whispers Down the Lane*, *Secret in the Willows*, etc.)
  - \* Also: *Abram's Daughters* series: Books #1-5 (*The Covenant*, *The Betrayal*, *The Sacrifice*, etc.)
  - \* Also: *Heritage of Lancaster County* series: Books 1-3 (*The Shunning*, *The Confession*, *The Reckoning*)
- \* *Wally McDoogle* series – Bill Myers: Books #1-28 (**THIS SERIES ONLY**—can't read his other books/series for any type of credit) Books: *My Life as a Smashed Burrito*, *My Life as a Torpedo Test Target*, *My Life as Crocodile Junk Food*, etc.)
- \* *Winds of Light Medieval Adventures* - Sigmund Brouwer: Books #1-7 (*Wings of an Angel*, *Barbarians from the Isle*, etc.)

See the next page for the written summer reading book requirements.

### **3. WRITTEN BOOK REPORT:**

Read a book listed below OR a book from the Accelerated Reader list. You may also choose to read other appropriate books by authors/series named on these lists, as long as it is a book you haven't previously read. "Appropriate" means the reading level, length, and content matter are suitable to a student of your age and suitable to a Christian school environment. After reading the selected book, write a formal book report adhering to the provided guidelines and form. Remember that this report is a significant part of a test grade and should reflect your best work. Typing your report is encouraged.

- \* Alcott, Louisa May – *Little Men, Jo's Boys*
- \* Alcock, Vivien – *Monster Garden*
- \* Aldrich, Bess S. – *A Lantern in Her Hand*
- \* Alexander, Lloyd – *The High King* (series)
- \* Bliven, Bruce – *The American Revolution, The Story of D-Day: June 6, 1944* (non-fiction)
- \* Byars, Betsy – *Summer of the Swans*
- \* Choldenko, Gennifer – *Al Capone Does My Shirts*
- \* Cook, Gladys M. – *Vashti and the Strange God*
- \* Cushman, Karen – *The Midwife's Apprentice* (Middle Ages)
- \* DeJong, Meindert – *The House of Sixty Fathers*
- \* Dodge, Mary Mapes – *Hans Brinker, Silver Skates*
- \* Edwards, Julie – *Mandy*
- \* Forbes, Kathryn – *Mama's Bank Account*
- \* Hemingway, Ernest – *The Old Man and the Sea*
- \* Hunt, Irene – *Across Five Aprils* (war)
- \* Jorgensen, Dan – *Dawn's Diamond Defense*
- \* Keith, Harold – *Rifles for Watie* (war)
- \* Lane, Rose Wilder – *Young Pioneers, Let the Hurricane Roar*
- \* Lawrence, Isabella – *A Spy in Williamsburg* (Revolutionary War)
- \* MacDonald, George – *The Fisherman's Daughter*, etc.
- \* O'Dell, Scott – *The Black Pearl*
- \* Oladokun, Alexander – *Acrux Manor* (Alexander is a 2013 HCS graduate!)
- \* Salisbury, Graham – *Under the Blood-Red Sun* (WWII Japanese Americans)
- \* Siegel, Robert – *Alpha Centauri* (Sci Fiction)
- \* Steinbeck, John – *The Pearl*
- \* Verne, Jules – *The Mysterious Island*

### **BIOGRAPHY/NON-FICTION:**

- \* *Kathy* - Barbara Miller
- \* *Little Britches* - Ralph Moody (Autobiography)
- \* *In the Presence of Mine Enemies* - Capt. Howard Rutledge (autobiography, Vietnam)
- \* *Joni, A Step Further* - Joni Eareckson Tada (Autobiography/paralyzed as a teen)
- \* *The Finest Hours* - Michael Tougias and Casey Sherman
- \* *Harriet Tubman* - Ann Petry (Biography)
- \* *God's Smuggler* - Brother Andrew (Autobiography)
- \* *Gifted Hands* – Ben Carson (Autobiography)
- \* *Hidden Figures* (Young Readers ed.)- Margot Shetterly

**POPULAR SERIES** (See Accelerated Reader book list for other permissible series. You may read any book in the series. Be sure to indicate the series as well as the book title in your written report so that your teacher knows the book is on the list.)

- \* *American Diaries* – Kathleen Duey (*Anisett Lundberg: California, 1851, Emma Eileen Grove: Mississippi 1865, etc.*)
- \* *Cedar River Daydreams* series – Judy Baer
- \* *China Tate* series, *Brio Girls* series – Lissa Halls Johnson (*Project Black Bear, etc.*)
- \* *Chesapeake Charlie* series - William Coleman
- \* *Chip Hilton Sports* series - Clair Bee/Farley (*Ten Seconds to Play, Pay-Off Pitch, etc.*)
- \* *Christy Miller* series, *Sierra Jensen* series - Robin Jones Gunn
- \* *Daring Adventure* series - Peter Doyle (*Ambushed in Africa, Hot Pursuit on the High Seas, etc.*)
- \* *Dear America* series, *Royal Diary* series, and *My Name Is America* series -authors vary (Historical fiction with teen/young characters)
- \* *Elizabeth Gail* series - Hilda Stahl
- \* *Gregor the Overlander* series– Suzanne Collins
- \* *Hardy Boys* mysteries – Franklin W. Dixon
- \* *Heroes of Olympus* series – Rick Riordan (*The Lost Hero, Son of Neptune, Mark of Athena, House of Hades, etc.*)
- \* *History Mysteries* series – pub. by American Girl (cannot use other books by AG) (Titles: *Smuggler's Treasure, Hoofbeats of Danger, Under Copp's Hill, Enemy in the Fort, etc.*)
- \* *Jennie McGrady Mysteries* - Patricia H. Rushford
- \* *Kingdom* series – Chuck Black (knight/allegory): *Kingdom's Dawn, Kingdom's Hope, Kingdom's Edge, etc.*
- \* *Ladd Family Adventures* series - Lee Roddy (*Stranded on Terror Island, Tracked by the Wolf Pack, etc.*)
- \* *Lightning on Ice* series - Sigmund Brouwer: *Blazer Drive*
- \* *Lily* series – Nancy Rue
- \* *Love Comes Softly* series - Janette Oke
- \* *Mandie* series – Lois Gladys Leppard: *Mandie and the Schoolhouse's Secret, etc.*
- \* *Matt Christopher Sports* books – Matt Christopher: *Dirt Bike Racer, various sports books*
- \* *Megan Parnell Mysteries* and *Adventure Quest* series - Joan Rawlings Biggar: *Missing on Castaway Island, Mystery at Camp Galena, etc.*)
- \* *Missing* series – Margaret Haddix: *Found, Sent, Sabotaged, Torn, etc.*
- \* *Nancy Drew* mystery stories – Carolyn Keene
- \* *Passages* series – Paul McCusker
- \* *Ranger's Apprentice* series – John Flanagan: *Ruins of Gorlan, Burning Bridge, Icebound Land, Battle for Skandia, etc.*
- \* *Saga of the Six Worlds* Fantasy/Science Fiction series - Cherith Baldry
- \* *Secret Sisters* series – Sandra Byrd (*Heart to Heart, Twenty-One Ponies, Accidental Angel, etc.*)
- \* *Shadow Children* series – Margaret Haddix (*Among the Imposters, Among the Betrayed, etc.*, also: *Turnabout, Running Out of Time*)
- \* *Sports Mystery* series - Sigmund Brouwer: *Maverick Mania, Tiger Heat, Cobra Threat, Scarlet Thunder, Hurricane Power*
- \* *Tripods* series – John Christopher (*When the Tripods Came, The White Mountains, City of Gold and Lead, Pool of Fire*)
- \* *Trixie Belden* mystery series - Kathryn Kenny/Julie Campbell (*The Secret of the Mansion, etc.*)
- \* *Vega Jane* series - David Baldacci (*The Finisher, The Keeper, The Width of the World*)

**Remember: 3 books: 1 class test + 1 AR quiz + 1 written report = 1 great grade!**

Caution: Reading lists include a few non-fiction books. Before choosing to read a non-fiction book for the written report, be sure you will be able to complete all required elements for the report (summary, character, theme).