

Franklin Christian Academy  
Summer Reading 2011  
Sophomore English (regular and honors)

**Required for both honors and regular: *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis**

Plus **Choose one** book from the regular list below:

**Two required books for honors: *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis and *What is the What* by Dave Eggers**

Plus **Choose one** book from the honors list below:

**Regular Sophomore Choices:**

*1984* by George Orwell

Science Fiction. A classic, striking tale of a world over-run by technology and government tyranny.

*The Radioactive Boy Scout* by Ken Silverstein

Non-Fiction. True story of a teenage who sparked national attention from the EPA when he attempted to build a nuclear reactor in his backyard.

*The Once and Future King* by T.H. White

Fiction. Classic, fairy-tale novel which tells the story of King Arthur, Guinevere, and Sir Lancelot.

*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck (\*Parental approval required because of language and themes) Deeply moving tale of two best friends during America's Great Depression.

**Honors Sophomore Choices:**

*City of Joy* by Dominique Lapierre

Fiction. Moving tale of heroic service among the worst slums of India, and the theme of finding joy in the midst of human suffering.

*Don Quixote* by Miguel De Cervantes (Edith Grossman translation)

Fiction. One of the greatest novels of all time. Follow the imaginative journey and misadventures of a Spanish man who thinks he is a great and powerful knight.

*Martyr's Crossing* by Amy Wilentz

Fiction. A powerful story of conflict in the middle-east. A Palestinian baby dies while held up at the border crossing into Israel. This tragedy affects the lives of the child's family, and the Israeli Soldier who stopped them.

*East of Eden* by John Steinbeck (\*Parental approval required because of language and themes) A twisted but redemptive epic tale of a family history across generations. One of America's greatest novels. Has great theological overtones.

## Summer Reading Assignments 10<sup>th</sup> grade

*The following assignments are NOT OPTIONAL. All students must turn in their completed assignment on the first full day of school—8/22/11. The reading worksheets will count as a “quiz” grade. The collage presentation will be a “project” grade.*

*Finally, an essay will be written during the first week of school that will count as a “test” grade. We will discuss this essay in class.*

Student must complete a “Summer Reading Worksheet” for the required reading books and the book of choice.

The worksheets are attached. Answers should be complete, thorough, and neatly written in order to be accepted.

In addition to the worksheets, students must complete a picture collage project about your choice book, which will be presented to the class the first week of school.

### Collage Should:

- Be poster board size
- Have pictures printed/cut from internet, magazines, newspapers
- Represent all of the following aspects of the book:
  - themes
  - main characters
  - setting
- Be brought to school, complete, on Monday 8/22/11

### Presentation Will:

- Last 5-8 minutes
- Share a summary of what the story is about (using your collage)
- Inspire and educate your classmates, by sharing the biggest life lesson/message you gained from the book in a persuasive manner
- It is acceptable to write out what you want to say and attach it to the back of your collage if you need to.
- Include my own questions about the book, so that I can be sure you read it! Come prepared!!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Franklin Christian Academy  
Summer Reading Worksheet**

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer in complete sentences:

**Describe the setting of the book (time, place, culture):**

**Give a brief description of the main characters of the book:**

**Briefly summarize the main plot.**

**What do you think is the main message the author is trying to present (Theme).**

**Use three quotes that demonstrate how the author uses the book to get his or her message across to the reader. When sharing a quote, include the page it appears on, and EXPLAIN why you think it reveals the overall theme of the book.**