

Franklin Christian Academy  
Summer Reading 2023  
American Literature (regular and honors)

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**Required reading is *The Great Gatsby* for both honors and regular.**

**Regular English:** Read *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald and **one** of the choice books on this list.

*Band of Brothers* by Stephen Ambrose

*The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith

*Nectar in a Sieve* by Kamala Markandaya

*Mr. Pip* by Lloyd Jones

*Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett

*Dispatches From the Edge* by Anderson Cooper

*Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

*Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger

*The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri

**Honors English:** Read *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald and **one** of the choice books on this list, OR **two** choice books from the Regular List above:

*One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

*Sacred Hunger* by Barry Unsworth

*The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas

*A Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bill Bryson

**Everyone:**

1. Complete the Summer Reading Assignment Handout for all books read.
2. Select one of the choice books and prepare a poster for an oral book report. The poster should include pictures and/or drawings as well as text, and it should communicate information about the author, the main characters, the plot, the setting, and at least two important symbols or objects from the text.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Franklin Christian Academy  
Summer Reading Assignment**

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

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

Answer the following 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 send in this book? (Theme).**

**Choose three quotes that demonstrate how the author uses the book to get his or her message across to the reader. When listing a quote include the page it appears on, and 1-2 sentences explaining what it reveals about the overall theme of the book.**