

2011 Middle School Summer Reading List

Grade 6

Star of Light by Patricia St. John *
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Grade 7

Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Grade 8

God's Smuggler by Brother Andrew (about smuggling Bibles behind the Iron Curtain), **or** The Cross and the Switchblade by David Wilkerson (about preaching the Gospel to gangs in NYC) **
The Giver by Lois Lowry

Assignment (for all middle school students):

In a composition notebook (not a spiral notebook), journal **your personal thoughts and reflections** for each chapter of both books. What things did you think about while reading? How do the characters relate to you? How do the events relate to anything you have experienced? It's okay to write a little about what's happening, but **DO NOT SUMMARIZE THE STORY**. Each entry should be at least one paragraph consisting of at least 5-6 sentences. Please put the standard Finney heading (example below) on the first page of the composition notebook. All journaling for both books may be done in the same composition book. The journals will be collected during the first week of school and will be graded according to the evidence shown that the reading was completed.

Heading:

Name	ELA 6 (or 7, or 8)
Date	Summer Reading

*You may have better fortune finding this book in church libraries or among Christians as the public libraries carry only a few copies. It can be ordered at Alpha or Omega or Amazon.com, or substitute another Christian book of your choice if cost is a concern.

**Parents, these books contain mature topics such as alcoholism, drug addiction, and prostitution, but the Christian authors are very tasteful and careful in including these topics. Each of these books bolsters the reader's faith and you want to proclaim, "Wow, God is awesome!" You may have better fortune finding these books in church libraries or among Christians as the public libraries carry only a few copies. Either book can be ordered at Alpha or Omega or Amazon.com, or substitute another Christian book of your choice if cost is a concern.