

# CCS Summer Reading Assignment

## Rising 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

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Your assignment is to read one of the following novels and complete the essay prompt listed below.

### Novels:

- *Anne of Green Gables* – by L.M. Montgomery
- *Treasure Island* – by Robert Louis Stevenson

### Essay Prompts:

- *Anne of Green Gables*: Why are confessions important in *Anne of Green Gables*? Compare Anne's confessions and discuss how each one has a different impact on her. Use specific examples from the text as to supporting evidence.
- *Treasure Island*: On *Treasure Island*, Jim earns the respect of his colleagues and successfully discovers the fortune he sought. In light of these successes, why does Jim nonetheless have an aversion to *Treasure Island*? Use specific examples from the text as to supporting evidence.

### Keep in mind, your essay:

- must be at least 5 paragraphs in length (introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion). You may have more than 5 if you see fit.
- must include a thesis statement, which succinctly expresses your main argument. Your thesis should be based on the essay prompt and should include your 3 main points.
- must give at least 3 specific textual examples, which support your thesis – 1 minimum per body paragraph – along with page numbers in parentheses for citation
- should be free of grammatical and spelling errors. Upload your essay to [grammarly.com](https://www.grammarly.com) prior to turning it in.
- must be in MLA format (typed, 12 point Times New Roman, double-spaced, with a proper heading) (see <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/24/>)

### Please note:

Your responses should be 100% your own. You may not reference the internet or any other source outside of your brain in answering the prompt. To do so would be plagiarism and will result in no extra credit.

**This is an OPTIONAL assignment. Students may complete both reading and essay assignments for extra credit. Students who successfully complete the reading assignment(s) will receive one percentage point per assignment added to the final grade for the first quarter in Language Arts. The completed assignment and summer reading pledge are due to the Language Arts teacher on the first day of school.**

**CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
SUMMER READING PLEDGE**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade Entering:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- I have read this entire book.
- I have never read this book before this summer.
- No one has helped me in the preparation of the summer reading assignment.

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**

- My student has completed the CCS summer reading assignment.

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**Parent Signature**

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**Date**