

# CCS Summer Reading Assignment

## Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Students

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Your assignment is to read the following novel and complete the essay prompt listed below. You will find a link to the full PDF below.

### **Novels:**

- *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by: Robert Louis Stevenson ([The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde](#))

### **Essay Prompt:**

*The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* can best be read through a psychoanalytical lens, which focuses on character motivation and/or a religious lens, which focuses on the story's connection to a religious text – in our case, the Bible. In the story, Mr. Hyde hides himself while Dr. Jekyll is the visible portion of the “two.” In a well-organized essay, analyze what Mr. Hyde truly wants to hide, being sure to tell why, and then compare it to the Biblical story of Adam and Eve.

### **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 6 specific textual examples, which support your thesis – 2 minimum per body paragraph
- should be free of grammatical and spelling errors. Upload your essay to [grammarly.com](#) prior to turning it in.
- must be in MLA format (typed, 12 point Times New Roman, double-spaced, with a proper heading)

### **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 a REQUIRED assignment. Students must complete this assignment in order to qualify for honors. 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