

Covenant Christian School
Fifth Grade
Summer Reading and Assignment

We desire to encourage all students to read over the summer months. This includes not only novels, but also biographies and historical fiction.

The books on the suggested reading list are those recommended by teachers. Please encourage your children to immerse themselves in good books over the summer. The books included here are only the beginning of a list of good books. The Veritas Press catalogue is another great resource for choosing books and is available online (see address below).

Most of the books listed are available at www.amazon.com, www.veritaspress.com and/or your local bookstore or library.

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For your assignment this summer, you are to choose **two** of the following seven books and complete the projects that go along with those books. The assignment is due on the **first day** of school. You may purchase these books, borrow them from your local library, or borrow one from Covenant.

1. ***Sign of The Beaver*** by Elizabeth George Speare
Project: Write a description of and a reason for 5 new skills that Matt learns in his experience alone in the wilderness of Maine. Use cursive and good sentence structure. Be prepared to share it in class.
2. ***The Phantom Tollbooth*** by Norton Juster
Project: On an 8½" x 11" sheet of unlined paper, illustrate one of the places to which Milo traveled. Write your name and the name of the place you are illustrating at the top. Use the book to help you draw the details. Be prepared to explain your illustration in class. Write a well-written paragraph summary of your picture on notebook paper. Use cursive.
3. ***Amos Fortune: Free Man*** by Elizabeth Yates
Project: On a poster create a timeline of 10-15 major events in the book. Each event should include the name of the event and the year that it happened (if you are not sure about the date, estimate). Decorate your timeline. Use a straight edge and make sure your poster is neat. Be prepared to share your timeline in class.
4. ***Treasure Island*** by Robert Louis Stevenson
Project: Make a diorama in a shoebox of a favorite scene from the book. Write a well-written paragraph of the depicted scene. Use cursive.
5. ***Streams to the River, River to the Sea*** by Scott O'Dell
Project: Make a map on poster board (small size) of the route that Lewis and Clark traveled on their expedition. On a separate piece of paper, write a journal entry similar to one written by Lewis and Clark of one event that is described in the book. You will need to do a little Internet research to discover the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition for your poster. Use cursive.
6. ***My Side of the Mountain*** by Jean Craighead George
Project – “Build” a replica of Sam’s home in the Catskill Mountains. Use your imagination to decide what materials you want to use. Write a paragraph describing what Sam’s home in the wild looked like. Use cursive.
7. ***The Pushcart War*** by Jean Merrill
Project – Pretend you are a newspaper reporter and write a news article giving an overview of the events of the Pushcart War. Read a news article in the paper for ideas. The article should be several paragraphs in length. Use cursive or type your article.