



## First Baptist Academy Summer Reading Assignment

### **Rising 8th Graders**

The summer provides numerous opportunities for rest, relaxation, and reading! It's my prayer that you experience all three. To encourage students to read throughout the summer, I have selected novels for each our incoming Middle Schoolers. For our incoming 8th Graders enrolled at First Baptist Academy, please see the specifics for the required reading, below, as well as a free-choice/non-fiction option. Please use discernment in your selection. However, it is my prayer that our students read several books (various genres) throughout the summer, not only to acquire additional knowledge, but also for enjoyment. I pray everyone has a safe summer, and I am already looking forward to a great year with your child.

***Captains Courageous* by Rudyard Kipling**

**ISBN# 1495283062**

**and**

**One non-fiction novel of your choice**

**Assignments:** These assignments will be due Wednesday, August 16, and worth 50 points (test grade).

Students should choose either the required novel **or** the non-fiction novel to create a presentation about the book selection using Microsoft PowerPoint, Apple Keynote, or Prezi. The elements below should be included in the presentation. There should be a minimum of 15 (maximum of 18) slides using text, clipart, and/or animations.

1. Book Title (5 points)
2. Information about the Author (5 points)
3. Information about Main Character(s) (5 points)
4. Information about Minor Character(s) (5 points)
5. Information about the Protagonist(s) (5 points)
6. Information about the Antagonist(s) (5 points)
7. Setting (5 points)
8. Discussion of 2-3 major events in the novel (10 points)
9. Discussion of 1-2 main conflicts in the novel (10 points)
10. Resolution (5 points)
11. Include **two** of the following: theme, examples of figurative language, historical connections, or text-text connections. (10 points)
12. Consider the overall theme of your Summer Reading novel and determine with which one of the five aspects of the Biblical Worldview (God, Creation, Mankind, Purpose, Moral Order) it most closely identifies. In a separate well-written paragraph, discuss your assertion using evidence from the text to explain. (10 points)

If you have any additional questions, please contact Krista Murray at [kristam@fbcjaxacademy.com](mailto:kristam@fbcjaxacademy.com).