

TKA MS Summer Reading



Directions:

Middle school students are required to read two books over the summer and complete a book review on each. **Students are assigned one book and must choose another book from the *book of choice* list.** Please follow the guidelines below for writing the book review. Both book reviews are **due on the first day of the school year. Each review (2 total) will be counted as a test grade!** The teacher will grade for content, completion of the instructions outlined below, and grammar/spelling. Please type or neatly write your book reviews so that they can be easily read.

Required Book:

- 7th grade required book: *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis
- 8th grade required book: *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London

Book of Choice:

- *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare
- *The Horse and His Boy* by C.S. Lewis
- *Prince Caspian* by C.S. Lewis
- *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis
- *The Witch at Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare
- *Anne of Green Gables* by L. M. Montgomery
- *Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne
- *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford
- *The Whipping Boy* by Sid Fleischman
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

Writing Project: Book Review

Directions: You need to create a book cover and book review for each of the books you read. Follow the directions below. Each paragraph should be 6-10 sentences.

- **Book Cover:** Create a book cover by hand or by computer that depicts what the book is about. Staple it to your book review.
- **Summary Paragraph:** Include the following
 - Title and author of the book
 - Setting (time & place)
 - Characters (main characters; who is the main character; who is the villain)
 - Main events (5-8 main events in the story)
 - Turning point (What event changed the course of the story?)
 - Resolution (How did the story end?)
- **Evaluation Paragraph:** Include the following
 - What did you like about the story or characters?
 - What did you **not** like about the story or characters?
 - What would you change in the story to make it better? Why?
 - Did this book mention God or Christianity in any way? If so, how did the author portray God or Christianity? (positively or negatively)
 - Would you recommend this book to someone else? Why?