

Summer Reading Assignment: Grade 8

Read the following novel – *My Brother Sam Is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier
(ISBN-13: 978-0-590-42792-0)

Complete the following assignment which challenges you in several topic areas. Please read the instructions carefully before you begin! You may type or hand-write neatly this assignment. If you prefer to be more creative, you may create any sort of display or foldable to include all of the following items:

1. Literature Connection _____ 5 points

- a. select five(5) literary terms from the lists below (20 options)
- b. define each of those five terms
- c. provide an example for each term and a page number from the novel where the example can be located
- d. explain why the example you selected reflects that literary term

- (1) characterization through physical description
- (2) characterization through speech and actions
- (3) characterization through inner thoughts
- (4) characterization through attitudes and reactions of other characters toward your character
- (5) flashback
- (6) imagery
- (7) irony
- (8) metaphor
- (9) personification
- (10) point of view
- (11) foreshadowing
- (12) simile
- (13) symbol
- (14) internal conflict
- (15) external conflict
- (16) dialect
- (17) exaggeration/hyperbole
- (18) idiom
- (19) static character
- (20) dynamic character

2. Language Arts Connection _____ 5 points

- a. Select 10 words that are unfamiliar to you as you read
- b. Write the word, the part of speech, and the definition
- c. create your own original sentence using the word – your sentence should be interesting and have a minimum of 10 words in it.

3. Bible and Religion Connection _____ 5 points

- a. State the theme of the novel (theme = the underlying meaning or lesson)
- b. Select a Bible passage that reflects the theme of the novel; tell where the passage can be located in the Bible and write/ type the passage
- c. Write one paragraph of reflection telling how the Bible passage and the theme are similar – your paragraph should be well-developed with a topic sentence, support sentences, and a conclusion for a total of 5-8 sentences.

4. History Connection _____ 5 points

- a. State the setting of the novel – both time period and place
- b. Give a link to a website that provides information on the setting (location) and or time period of the novel – it can be just about the time period or just about the place or both
- c. Write a one-paragraph summary of the information the website provides. Your summary should include information about the setting that was not included in the novel. In other words, you are researching deeper into where and when the story takes place. Your paragraph should be well-developed and contain 5-8 sentences.

Overall, your writing should be free of spelling and grammar errors _____ 5 points

Assignment is due the first day of school and will be reflected in your grade.

If you have questions, please feel welcome to write kschmidt@adventurechristian.org anytime!