

## Summer Reading Assignment: Grade 7

The purpose of the summer reading is to have you interact with the text and boost your reading comprehension. The more effort you put into the assignment, the better prepared you will be for the reading assignments and class discussions that cover the novel at the beginning of school.

In preparation for entering 7th grade, you are required to:

- Read the novel *Treasure Island* by Robert Lewis Stevenson and complete the following assignments for the first day of school.
- Bring the book and assignment with you to class the first day of school!

Assignment 1: (See Back of this Paper) Reading Response Journal. The purpose of a “Reading Response Journal” is to identify 5 passages from the text that stand out to you and record them on the form provided on the back of this paper. You will then write a response to the passage to the text showing ideas/insights, reflections, questions, and comments on the right side of the journal (as instructed on the back).

**\*\*Make sure to:**

1. use quotation marks for the passages
2. include page number(s) from the text
3. write responses written in sentence form!

If you choose to type the assignment, please format your typed response following the example.

Assignment 2: Be prepared for a Socratic Seminar/Class Discussion at the beginning of the school year using these discussion questions:

- The characters in the novel have differing degrees of morality. Which characters have higher moral standards? Which have lower moral standards? How do the differences between the two groups affect their actions? Their choices? The consequences of the two?
- What makes Stevenson’s writing powerful? Select one of your favorite descriptive passages and use it to discuss Stevenson’s vivid descriptions.
- How does Stevenson use foreshadowing in *Treasure Island*? Find a few examples to share with the class. What purpose does foreshadowing have? What effect does it have on the reader?

**\*\*Write the questions and your answers on a separate sheet of paper (you may also type the assignment if you prefer).**

Additionally, write 5-10 additional questions you’d like to ask your classmates about the novel. Questions should be about readers’ opinions in order to encourage a class discussion. Student-created questions are the best for getting people talking. Try to avoid yes or no questions as well as questions that have a definite right or wrong question.

If you have questions, write [kschmidt@adventurechristian.org](mailto:kschmidt@adventurechristian.org) anytime!

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Language Arts 7

Reading Response Journal: *Treasure Island* by Robert Lewis Stevenson

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