

6th Grade Religion Summer Reading

Read "A Door in the Wall," by Marguerite de Angeli.

Choose TWO of the following questions to answer.

Write each answer in a separate strong paragraph of 5-10 sentences.

Remember to begin the paragraph with a topic sentence and end with a concluding sentence:

1. Robin faces many challenges after becoming disabled. How does he show courage and perseverance throughout the story? How can his example inspire Christians when they face difficulties?
2. Several characters help Robin during his time of need. Choose two characters and explain how their acts of kindness reflect Christian values such as charity, compassion, and service to others.
3. Brother Luke is an important mentor to Robin. What qualities make him a good teacher? How do his actions reflect Christian leadership and discipleship?
4. Robin cannot become the knight he once dreamed of being, but he discovers other talents and strengths. What gifts does Robin develop? Why is it important to recognize and use the gifts God has given us?
5. At the beginning of the story, Robin thinks strength comes from being a knight and warrior. By the end, how has his understanding of strength changed? What does the novel teach about true strength from a Christian perspective?
6. Do you think Robin is a Christian hero? Use examples from the novel to explain how he demonstrates virtues such as faith, humility, courage, patience, or perseverance.

7th Grade Religion Summer Reading:

Read *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare and write a 3-paragraph essay on **one** of the following topics. REMEMBER TO USE A QUOTATION FROM THE BOOK IN EACH PARAGRAPH:

- **Daniel's Journey from Hate to Love:** Trace how his perspective shifts over the course of the book and explain the pivotal moments.
 1. In the first paragraph, explain what Daniel hates and why.
 2. In the second paragraph, explain what happens in the book that gives Daniel a change of heart,
 3. In the third paragraph, explain when he chooses to love and what happens as a result. Make sure your last sentence summarizes your essay.
- **Two Different Leaders:** Compare and contrast the bandit leader Rosh and Jesus of Nazareth.
 1. In the first paragraph, explain who Rosh is, his moral codes, how he treats his followers, and his view on violence. Make sure your first sentence introduces the topic of your essay.
 2. In the second, explain who Jesus of Nazareth is, his moral codes, how he treats his followers, and his view on violence.
 3. In the third paragraph, discuss why Daniel is conflicted over who to follow and what he finally decides to do. Make sure your last sentence summarizes your essay.
- **The Bronze Bow:** Analyze the imagery of the "bronze bow" and its significance to the story.
 1. In the first paragraph, explain how the Bronze Bow is tied to the verse from Psalm 18:34.
 2. In the second paragraph discuss how its initial symbolic meaning for Daniel, Thacia, and Joel. Use examples from the book.
 3. In the third paragraph explains how the meaning changes by the end of the book. Use examples. Make sure your last sentence summarizes your essay.

8th Grade Summer Religion Reading

Read *The Shadow of His Wings* by Gereon Goldmann

Throughout *The Shadow of His Wings*, Fr. Gereon Goldmann encounters danger, uncertainty, and hardship. In a 5-paragraph paper, analyze how faith, perseverance, and compassion help him overcome these challenges. Use evidence from multiple chapters to support your argument.

Your paper should include

- An introductory paragraph that gives the book title, author, a short summary of the book, and ends with a clear thesis statement
- At least 3 body paragraphs (each containing at least 2 quotes from different sections of the book as evidence)
- A concluding paragraph that begins with a restatement of your thesis and ends with connecting the book's themes to real life.
- Transitions from one paragraph to another
- Your name and grade are at the top of your paper