

## Summer Reading List Saint John the Evangelist

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

*The Pearl* by John Steinbeck

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

1. Students will have a test over the novel (20-25 multiple choice questions) when they return to school. The questions are multiple choice and fairly straightforward. The test is to make sure you read the book.
  2. Students should write a half-page (typed) analysis of a quote that contributed to the larger themes, overall meaning, and author's purpose. Students will read their half-page analyses orally to the class when they return (250 - 300 words)..
  3. We will go in-depth on analyzing the novel – author, narrative technique, setting, major characters, symbols, irony, themes, and author's purpose. Students will write a longer, more formal analysis of the novel (2-3 pages) in class. **The longer essay does not have to be written over the summer.** We will work on the long essay in class.
  4. Students must score at least a 70% on the test or they will not be allowed to do numbers 2 or 3 above. The result of two zeroes will hurt their first quarter grade in Honors Reading.
- I have copies of the books in my room; students can check them out over the summer or buy their own copies. Most of these novels can be found online for free. Type in the novel title then “text” or “PDF”. They are often available for a dollar or two at a used book store or on Amazon. Students should take notes on the book so as not to forget major characters and details, which I may ask on the test. If you are a fast reader, read the book near the start of the school year in August, so you remember the details of the book better, but don't wait too long to read them! You can also review the novels on Sparknotes before the start of school.