

Summer Reading Choice Book Response Paper

All upper school students were assigned one required summer reading book, as well as one book that they were to choose from a list of recommended books. (The titles of these books are listed on the school Web site: www.jpgacademy.org) Since your choice books will not be discussed at length in literature class, you will demonstrate your understanding of what you read by writing a 2-3 page response to your book, using your notes and the Reading Questions on the JPGA Web site as a guide. (See examples below.)

Directions: Choose 3-4 of the following elements to include in your response paper.

- A *brief* summary of the plot (not more than 1/2 page)
- A detailed description of your favorite character and why you liked him/her best
- A description of the scene that you remember best, and why you remember it so well (Was it because it surprised you? scared you? inspired you?)
- Which parts of the book you found most interesting and most uninteresting
- A discussion of the symbols you noticed in the book (Explain using passages from the text to support your choices.)
- A discussion of how the book reflects man's struggle for virtue and its treatment of good and evil (Were you able to determine a clear line between good and evil or was their room for ambiguity? Explain and support with text.)
- Thoughts on how the book affected you personally (Did this book change the way you see the world? Why or why not? Did it encourage you to acquire a specific virtue or shed a specific vice?)
- Whether or not you want to read this book a second time – and whether you would recommend it to a friend

Remember: *Quality over quantity!*

N.B.: All take-home writing assignments in this class should follow the guidelines below.

- Correct grammar, spelling, punctuation
- Typed and double-spaced
- One-inch margins
- 12 pt. font (acceptable fonts: Times New Roman, Cambria, Calibri)
- Heading on first page: First and last name, Name of class, Name of instructor, Due date

Example: Clive Staples Lewis
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