

SUMMER READING – ASSIGNMENT 1 – Missionary Biographies

Welcome, Future 9th Graders! I'm so excited to have you in my class this upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Below you will find all the information you will need to complete your summer reading assignments.

First, you will need the Showbie code to gain access to the assignments. The code is WFNQD. Use only the letters, not the end period.

ASSIGNMENT 1: The first assignment, reading a missionary biography is due on July 19th by 11:00 P.M. There are two book titles to choose from, and those titles and reviews of the book are on the back of this page. Instructions and questions to answer are already posted in Showbie, so you are free to begin the assignment now if you'd like. (NOTE: Please submit your answers in the comment box provided! Do not submit your answers in a Google Doc or by any other method. There will be a loss of points for failure to obey this rule.) This assignment is worth 50 points.

ASSIGNMENT 2: The second assignment requires you to read a book of your own choice (**NOT ONE YOU ALREADY READ IN THE PAST**). You are then to create a book fair project, which is due August 28th by 8:00 A.M. Instructions are already posted in Showbie. You will NOT be posting any information in Showbie. You will, instead, turn in your book fair project on the third day of school.

NOTE: To assure that everyone does not do the same book, everyone MUST do a different book. Don't worry! There are thousands of books to choose from. You must sign up on the Google Doc that I will set up this week. (You will most likely get a notification that I shared a document with you.) Once a book title has been taken, no one else is allowed to do that book. I will be checking this document frequently to make sure no one is doing the same book and also to make sure that everyone signs up for a book title.

WARNING: Do NOT put this project off until the last moment. It is an extensive project and will require your best effort. This assignment is worth 100 points.

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***Kisses from Katie: A Story of Relentless Love and Redemption* by**

The *New York Times* bestselling account of a courageous eighteen-year-old from Nashville who gave up every comfort and convenience to become the adoptive mother to thirteen girls in Uganda.

What would cause an eighteen-year-old senior class president and homecoming queen from Nashville, Tennessee, to disobey and disappoint her parents by forgoing college, break her little brother's heart, lose all but a handful of her friends (because they think she has gone off the deep end), and break up with the love of her life, all so she could move to Uganda, where she knew only one person and didn't even speak the language?

A passion to follow Jesus.

Katie Davis Majors left over Christmas break of her senior year for a short mission trip to Uganda and her life was turned completely inside out. She found herself so moved by the people of Uganda and the needs she saw that she knew her calling was to return and care for them. Katie, a charismatic and articulate young woman, adopted thirteen children in Uganda and has established a ministry, Amazima, that feeds and sends hundreds more to school while teaching them the Word of Jesus Christ.

Kisses from Katie invites readers on a journey of radical love down the red dirt roads of Uganda. You'll laugh and cry with Katie as she follows Jesus into the impossible and finds joy and beauty beneath the dust. Katie and her children delight in saying yes to the people God places in front of them and challenge readers to do the same, changing the world one person at a time.

***For the Glory: Eric Liddell's Journey from Olympic Champion to Modern Martyr* by Duncan Hamilton**

Eric Liddell, an Olympic gold medalist, would not run on Sunday because of his strict observance of the Christian sabbath, and so he did not compete in his signature event, the 100 meters, at the 1924 Paris Olympics. He was the greatest sprinter in the world at the time, and his choice not to run was ridiculed by the British Olympic committee, his fellow athletes, and most of the world press. Yet Liddell triumphed in a new event, winning the 400 meters in Paris.

Liddell ran--and lived--for the glory of his God. After winning gold, he dedicated himself to missionary work. He travelled to China to work in a local school and as a missionary. He married and had children there. By the time he could see war on the horizon, Liddell put Florence, his pregnant wife, and children on a boat to Canada, while he stayed behind, his conscience compelling him to stay among the Chinese. He and thousands of other westerners were eventually interned at a Japanese work camp.

Once imprisoned, Liddell did what he was born to do, practice his faith and his sport. He became the moral center of an unbearable world. He was the hardest worker in the camp, he counseled many of the other prisoners, he gave up his own meager portion of meals many days, and he organized games for the children there. He even raced again. For his ailing, malnourished body, it was all too much. Liddell died of a brain tumor just before the end of the war. His passing was mourned around the world, and his story still inspires.