

**Northside Christian Academy
Upper School - Summer reading assignment**

Book Review (fictional work) -

1. **Cover page** – 10 points - Provide a separate *title page* containing:
 - Author
 - Full title of the book
 - Publisher and year of publication
 - Number of pages (in your paper)

Also, enter your *name* and the grade you will be going *into* in the fall.

2. **Format** – 20 points - Your paper must be typed, 12 point Times New Roman font, and double-spaced. (**8th -12th grade only. 6th-7th grade may be handwritten**)
3. **Theme** – 20 points - Your paper must start with a brief, but comprehensive overview of the theme of the book. This is a “Big picture” overview of the text. Mention something about the author and the purpose of what is written. Speak about the book taken as a whole. Note that this is not a book report, but a discussion of the theme of the book (1.5 pages max).
4. **Commentary** – 10 points - After addressing the theme, select a few things from the book that deserve comment or you believe should be addressed. They may be notable (important to the book), or objectionable (things you disagree with). This will demonstrate that you have thought about what you have read beyond a literal level (1 page max).
5. **Biblical integration** – 20 points - How should one view this book from the perspective of a Christian worldview? What Biblical connections can be made, if any? Does the book address issues that a Christian can apply to his/her own life? How? Quote scripture passages that support your position.
6. **Conclusion** – 20 points - Conclude your paper with at least one paragraph, which either recommends or criticizes the book. This will be your verdict on the reading, so be definite in your opinion. (up to .5 page).

This assignment will be due to your English teacher no later than the Friday of the first week of school. If turned in on the following Monday the grade will be reduced 15%. If it is turned in later than Monday the assignment will be given a zero. This essay will count as a quiz grade (30%).

Your paper will be graded for correct structure, grammatical conventions, and overall organization, as well as the items listed above.

***Note:** Plagiarism is a serious academic offense. Any student copying the work of another student, author, website, or work will be given a zero on the assignment and proper disciplinary action will be taken as stated in the NCA student handbook.*