

Covenant Day School 2010
Summer Reading List for
Rising Eighth Graders

Students are required to read:

Safely Home by Randy Alcorn

Students are also required to read one other book from the list below that they have not previously read or has not been read to them:

<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
<i>Emma</i>	Jane Austen
<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i>	Jules Verne
<i>The Killer Angels</i>	Michael Shaara
<i>Jane Eyre</i>	Charlotte Bronte
<i>Watership Down</i>	Richard Adams
<i>Gulliver's Travels</i>	Jonathan Swift
<i>The Hound of Baskervilles</i>	Arthur Conan Doyle
<i>Oliver Twist</i>	Charles Dickens
<i>Summer of the Monkeys</i>	Wilson Rawls
<i>Summer of My German Soldier</i>	Bette Greene
<i>Peter and the Starcatchers</i>	Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
<i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i>	Jane Nolan
<i>Hangman's Curse</i>	Frank Peretti
<i>Joni</i>	Joni Eareckson-Tada
<i>*Out of the Silent Planet</i>	C.S. Lewis

*Any of the Lewis' Space Trilogy is acceptable.

The student will complete a double entry response journal for each book. One composition book will work for both books, or your child may prefer to use the computer. In the double entry response journal, the student will cite eight meaningful passages from each book evenly spaced throughout the book, using one sheet of paper per entry. On the top half of the page, the student will write an excerpt directly from the book and note the page number. On the bottom half of the page, he or she will write a personal response to that passage. This response may be in varied forms: the student may explain how the selected passage makes him/her feel, tell how the passage relates to an event in the reader's life, explain the significance of the passage as it relates to the novel as a whole, or predict how the passage relates to the remainder of the novel. These are examples; the term "response" means that the student should respond or react to the book passage in some way.

Eighth graders personal responses (not including the quoted passage) should total around 400 words per book.