

## Summer Reading Assignment: Grade 7

The purpose of the summer reading is to have you interact with a text and boost your reading comprehension. The more effort you put into the assignment, the better prepared you will be for the reading assignments and class discussions that cover the novel at the beginning of school.

In preparation for entering 7th grade, you are required to: Read the novel *Treasure Island* by Robert Lewis Stevenson and complete the following assignments for the first week of school. Bring the book and assignments with you to class the first day of school!

Assignment 1: Reading Response Journal. Complete 3 journal entries – choose passages from the text (beginning, middle, and end) that stand out to you and write them down. Then write responses to the passage telling 1) how the quote relates to our culture or time period and 2) how it relates to you personally. See back for format suggestion.

**\*\*Make sure to:**

1. Use quotation marks for the passages
2. Include page number(s) from the text
3. Write your responses in complete sentences!

Assignment 2: Be prepared for a Socratic Seminar/Class Discussion at the beginning of the school year. On a separate piece of paper, answer the following discussion questions:

1. The characters in the novel have differing degrees of morality. Which characters have higher moral standards? Which have lower moral standards? How do the differences between the two groups affect their actions? Their choices? The consequences of the two?
2. What makes Stevenson's writing powerful? Select one of your favorite descriptive passages and use it to discuss Stevenson's vivid descriptions.

**\*\*You may type the assignment**

Additionally, write 5-10 additional questions you'd like to ask your classmates about the novel or topics that come to mind as you read. Questions should be about readers' opinions in order to encourage a class discussion. Student-created questions are the best for getting people talking. Avoid yes or no questions as well as questions that have a definite right or wrong answer. Keep those questions open-ended!

If you have questions, write [kschmidt@adventurechristian.org](mailto:kschmidt@adventurechristian.org) anytime!

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*Treasure Island*  
Language Arts 7

**SAMPLE** Reading Response Journal: *Treasure Island* by Robert Lewis Stevenson

Passage from Text:	Page #	How does quote relate to our time?
<div>How does quote relate to you?</div>		

\*\* You must include three entries similar to the above format. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Schmidt at [kschmidt@adventurechristian.org](mailto:kschmidt@adventurechristian.org).