

## NINTH GRADE SUMMER READING

Stillwater Christian School  
Summer 2011

1. Read *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck. Complete a reading record card. Be prepared for activities involving this work when school begins in the fall. Is there a “moral” to this story? What is it? Is there more than one? (Copies of *The Pearl* are available in the high school office for checkout.)
2. Choose **ONE** of the following books set in the Middle Ages:

Author: G. A. Henty

- *In Freedom’s Cause* William Wallace: “Braveheart”
- *The Dragon and the Raven* King Alfred
- *Winning His Spurs* Crusaders
- *Wulf the Saxon* Knights and the Norman Conquest

Complete a Reading Record Card for the novel you choose from this list and be ready for related class activities when school begins. (NOTE: The Henty books are, generally, only available in the school office. They will be checked out on a “first come, first served” basis, so if there is one title that piques your interest, get the copy soon. Please return the Henty book as soon as you have finished reading it.)

### READING RECORD CARDS

On the first day of school in the fall you will submit a 5 x 8 card for each of the two required summer reading selections. The format for each card is:

- ✓ Title and Author
- ✓ Date of original publication
- ✓ Setting: time and place
- ✓ Plot synopsis: eight to fifteen sentences
- ✓ Characters: brief description of each
- ✓ Personal response to the content and style of the book: three to six sentences

(NOTE: Do not use more than one card—front and back OK if needed—for each work.)

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Dear Parent and SCS Freshman:

To hone reading skills, to increase appreciation for fine literature, and to enhance classroom activities at the beginning of the school year, high school students are required to read two books during the course of the summer.

On the first day of school in the fall, each freshman student should submit a Reading Record Card for each of the two books read. These cards will be given the first two grades of the first quarter: either "A," "C," or "RE-DO." In the fall, students will participate in activities where understanding of the books is essential.

Advanced Placement juniors and seniors will be required to read more books during the summer. These students have different guidelines for analysis of their reading material.

Please see the grade-specific instructions and guidelines on the back of this page. If you have questions, feel free to call the appropriate English teacher for clarification. Thank you! We expect the experience to be profitable, and we appreciate your support for on-going learning!

SCS High School English Staff