

The following is the suggested reading list for Berean Christian School junior high school students. Summer reading will help each student improve vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills that will make all studies more beneficial to academic achievement.

## **High School Book Choices (Choose One)**

*Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of WWII* – Joseph Bruchac

*Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast* – Robin McKinley

*Alas, Babylon* – Pat Frank

*The Mirror Cracked From Side to Side*– Agatha Christie

*Black* – Ted Dekker

*Thr3e* – Ted Dekker

*The Last Jihad* – Joel Rosenberg

*The Book Thief* – Marcus Zusack

*Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* – Nabeel Qureshi

*Redeeming Love* – Francine Rivers

*Do Hard Things* – Alex Harris and Brett Harris

*The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith* – Timothy Keller

*Pressure Points: A Guide to Navigating Student Stress* – Shelby Abbott

*Don't Check Your Brains at the Door* – Josh McDowell

*We Are Witnesses: Five Diaries of Teenagers Who Died in the Holocaust* – Boas, Jacob

## **Writing Assignment Directions**

- 9th / 10th grade:
  - Choose five quotes from the book that give insight into the main character.
  - Complete the chart as shown below using correct MLA formatting.
  
- 11th / 12th grade:
  - Choose six quotes from the book that give insight into the main character.
  - Complete the chart as shown below using correct MLA formatting.

Quote	What is going on? (1-2 sentences)	What it shows about the character. (1-2 sentences)	Why is it important? 1-2 sentences)
Ex. "That is so, Monsieur. Now I enjoy the world" (Christie 131).	This quote occurs moments after Hercule Poirot meets Mr. Van Aldin, the father of the murdered woman. This is how responds when asked if he is retired.	This seemingly innocent quote shows a great deal about the character. It shows he is a highly educated man and that he emphasizes appearances.	This is important because it shows why he is observant. It also shows how he is skilled in solving cases.

**PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

- As a Christian, a person may wonder, "Should Christians study the classics of literature?" Christians should be aware that man's writings reflect his inner thoughts. This can be seen throughout a study of literature and the authors' lives. If we look at secular literature (classics) through discerning eyes, our own faith and testimony can be strengthened. The selections chosen for the reading list are either classic in nature or carry strong literary merit. Berean Christian School cannot be responsible for all content in every selection.
- Please be advised: copied, summarized, or paraphrased information from an internet source or any other source is unacceptable. THIS IS PLAGIARISM! Be sure to correctly document sources that are used and use your own thoughts based on what you have learned to complete ANY writing assignment. Common knowledge and your own thoughts do NOT need to be documented.
- MLA formatting and plagiarism will be covered in class during the first week of school.