

Franklin Christian Academy
Summer Reading 2024
American Literature (regular and honors)

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Required reading is *The Great Gatsby* for both honors and regular.

Regular English: Read *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald and **one** of the choice books on this list.

Band of Brothers by Stephen Ambrose

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith

Nectar in a Sieve by Kamala Markandaya

Mr. Pip by Lloyd Jones

Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

Dispatches From the Edge by Anderson Cooper

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Peace Like a River by Leif Enger

The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri

Honors English: Read *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald and **one** of the choice books on this list, OR **two** choice books from the Regular List above:

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Sacred Hunger by Barry Unsworth

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas

A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson

Everyone:

1. Complete the Summer Reading Assignment Handout for all books read.
2. Select one of the choice books and prepare a poster for an oral book report. The poster should include pictures and/or drawings as well as text, and it should communicate information about the author, the main characters, the plot, the setting, and at least two important symbols or objects from the text.

Name _____

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Summer Reading Assignment**

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Answer the following in complete sentences:

Describe the setting of the book (time, place, culture):

Give a brief description of the main characters of the book

Briefly summarize the main plot.

What do you think is the main message the author is trying to send in this book? (Theme).

Choose three quotes that demonstrate how the author uses the book to get his or her message across to the reader. When listing a quote include the page it appears on, and 1-2 sentences explaining what it reveals about the overall theme of the book.