

NEW COVENANT schools

Summer Reading List: Grade 11

All 11th grade students will read *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë OR *Ivanhoe* by Sir Walter Scott. The school library has copies for students to use and keep. If they read both books and answer the questions for both, they will receive extra credit and house points.

In addition, 11th grade students are encouraged to read additional books from the following list:

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
Silas Marner by George Eliot
The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

Students will receive extra credit and house points for reading any of these books if a short summary of the book is turned in at the beginning of the school year. Any student who reads **a total of four books** (including *Jane Eyre* and/or *Ivanhoe*) will be eligible to receive a gift certificate to Givens Books.

Please email Mr. Forshey (jforshey@newcovenantschools.org) if you have any questions about the assignment.

Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the questions for your book on a separate sheet of paper (handwritten or typed). Complete sentences are not required. This assignment is due the first day of school.

Jane Eyre

1. Why was the red room almost never used?
2. As a child, what was Jane's favorite book and why?
3. What did Jane have to eat her first morning at Lowood?
4. What was later written on Helen's tombstone?
5. Who came to see Jane just before she left Lowood?
6. What unusual sound did Jane hear when Mrs. Fairfax first gave her a tour of Thornfield?
7. Describe one of the pictures painted by Jane.
8. How did Jane save Mr. Rochester's life?
9. What was Blanche Ingram's opinion of governesses?
10. Who was the gypsy fortuneteller?
11. What kind of wound did Mr. Mason suffer?
12. What news of her father's family did Aunt Reed, on her deathbed, give to Jane?
13. When Jane refused jewels from Mr. Rochester, what did she say she wanted to know instead?
14. After thinking an intruder had come to her room in the night, what did Jane find on the floor the next morning?
15. What did Mr. Rochester say will probably be the fate of Mr. Mason?
16. For what did Jane try to trade her handkerchief?
17. What job did St. John Rivers offer Jane?
18. Why was Mr. Briggs looking for Jane?
19. What did St. John say God wanted Jane to do?
20. What voice did Jane hear and what did it say?
21. How did Jane prove to Mr. Rochester that she was real?
22. Whom did Jane tell Mr. Rochester he should marry?

Ivanhoe

Chapters I-V

1. What are the occupations of Gurth and Wamba?
2. Where has Cedric's son (Wilfred) gone?
3. Who had defeated Brian de Bois-Guilbert in the tournament in Palestine?

Chapters VI-VIII

4. What did the Palmer warn the Jew about?
5. What were the prizes for the knight who won the first day's tourney?
6. How many foes were defeated by the Disinherited Knight?

Chapters IX-XII

7. How did Cedric respond to Prince John's invitation to the banquet?
8. How did the Disinherited Knight respond when the squires came to ransom their masters' armor and horses?
9. Why was Isaac surprised when Gurth came to pay the Disinherited Knight's debt?

Chapters XIII-XVI

10. What bad news did a letter ("billet") bring to Prince John?
11. How should the people choose a king, according to Fitzurse, Prince John's advisor?
12. Where did the Black Knight find refuge in the forest?

Chapters XVII-XXI

13. Who is the Black Knight?
14. Whom did Gurth and Wamba meet in the woods?
15. While being held in the castle, what was Athelstane's chief concern?

Chapters XXII-XXV

16. What choice did Front-de-Boeuf give Isaac?
17. What did Rebecca threaten to do to escape from Bois-Guilbert? (be specific)
18. Give one reason Bois-Guilbert gave for becoming a Templar.

Chapters XXVI-XXVIII

19. Who was the friar who came to read last rites to Cedric and Athelstane?
20. Why did Athelstane refuse to accept the agreement for his ransom?
21. What special skill and knowledge did Rebecca possess?

Chapters XXIX-XXXI

22. What was painted on the shield of the Black Knight?
23. Why did Cedric refuse to take command of the assault?
24. Why did De Bracy stop his effort to cast down the stone pinnacle onto the Black Knight and Cedric?

Chapters XXXII-XXXIV

25. How did Cedric reward Gurth?
26. What staggering news did De Bracy bring to Prince John?
27. How did Prince John bribe De Bracy into cooperation?

Chapters XXXV-XXXVII

28. How is Beaumanoir different from the other Templar knights?
29. What gave Rebecca courage when she was brought into the great hall?
30. Why did Beaumanoir think Bois-Guilbert was innocent?

Chapters XXXVII-XLIV

31. Why did Malvoisin have to watch Bois-Guilbert closely?
32. What did Locksley tell Richard his real name was?
33. Describe the combat between Bois-Guilbert and Ivanhoe.