

Summer Reading 8th Grade

Novel: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* C.S. Lewis

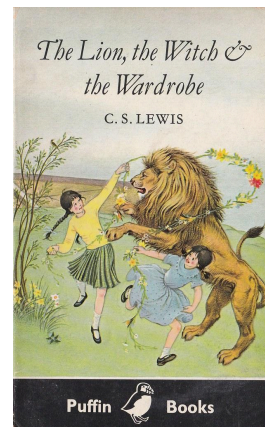
In order to be prepared for the fun adventures of English and to reinforce important concepts and analytical skills, you will be reading a story focused on allegory, and the symbolism of sin and redemption through sacrifice.

****Remember that your reading assignment should be completed and posted into your Google Classroom **prior** to the first day of school. This counts as the first **test grade** of the year. When you return to school you will have an *in-class* written assignment to further check your understanding of the novel.**

As you read the novel you will keep a journal that shows how you are interacting with the text. This journal should be posted into the GoogleDoc template that you will have in your Google Classroom. Assignment is due **BEFORE** the first day of school.

Instructions:

- For every **2 chapters** of reading, you will write a journal entry between **7-10 sentences**. You will choose a direct quote/passage from the text and write about its overall significance, deeper meaning, and/or how you relate to it. (Your passage does not count as part of your sentences)
- You should have a **total of 8** journal entries (You can lump the last 3 chapters together).
- Ideas for analyses you may choose to include:
 - Hidden meanings
 - Metaphors, allegory, similes, allusions, morals etc.
- Ideas for experiences you may choose to relate:
 - Memories
 - Other literary works
 - Real-life scenarios
 - Ethical/ social dilemmas
 - Historical context



**** Your entry should have:**

1. A date
2. A citation/passage that is part of a quote sandwich. Make sure you are introducing the quote **AND** explaining its significance.
3. An analytical response of 7 to 10 sentences
4. Writing should be in **MLA format (Times New Roman, 12 pt font, double spaced).**

Should you have questions please reach out: anamelnichenko@andersonchristian.net

Friendly word of advice- Don't wait until the last minute to start reading, and enjoy your summer!

******* HONOR PLEDGE:** At the end of the journal, type the following honor pledge: I pledge that I your name read (not skimmed) all of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. I pledge that I did not plagiarize (copy, use online source, or AI-generate) any part of my assignment.

Sample Journal Response:

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English 8th

Due Date

5th July, 2024

Sample Response:

In the novel we see the clear symbolism of Aslan the Lion as a figure of Christ. The characters in Narnia believe that he will save them from the evil Queen. They chant:

“Wrong will be right, when Aslan comes in sight,

At the sound of his roar, sorrows will be no more,

When he bares his teeth, winter meets its death,

And when he shakes his mane, we shall have spring again.” (pg. #).

Just like Christ, the lion takes away the sorrows of all people. Jesus came to save everyone from hurt, sin and pain. All of our transgressions were upon Him, and by His wounds we have been healed. The symbolism of winter ending is equal to death no longer having victory over anyone. In the book there is an actual winter, where nothing grows and all of the creatures and people are freezing. Literally speaking, this is like both the spiritual and physical death of all mankind. We can only be alive in Christ, and eternal salvation is found in Him alone. Aslan bringing back spring, is victory over winter. It is Christ’s victory over death and a promise of eternity in heaven to all who believe.