

Geneva Summer Reading – 2019

6th Grade: Literature

Dear Students,

Next year will culminate your first cycle through the study of history at Geneva and the literature that accompanies it. To prepare for this, you are required to read two books over the summer months and complete the assigned projects.

1. Read *Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt.

Project: Write three one-page journal entries as if you are Jethro. One entry should be from the beginning of the book, one from the middle of the book, and one from the end of the book. They should include not only what he is experiencing at those points in the book but how he has changed both physically and emotionally from the beginning to the middle to the end of the story.

2. Read one of the following biographies:

Carry A Big Stick: The Uncommon Heroism of Theodore Roosevelt by George Grant

Children of the Storm by Natasha Vins

If I Perish by Esther Ahn Kim

Land of the Morning by Jean McAnlis McMurdie

Raoul Wallenberg: The Man Who Stopped Death by Sharon Linnea

Churchill by Paul Johnson

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass

Zlata's Diary by Zlata Filipovic

**Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever* by O'Reilly/
Duggard

**Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy* by Karen Abbott

Project: Give a 2-3 minute oral presentation on the book and include a prop that best represents the overall character or theme of the book. Be creative!

These assignments are due the first day of English class. Be prepared to present your biography project to the class. For each day your project is late, ten points will be deducted from your grade.

Have a wonderful summer. I look forward to our class next year.

Happy Reading!

*These books are more challenging reading, but students who have chosen them in the past have loved them.



Keyboard Skills Opportunity

Geneva Classical Academy recognizes that keyboarding skills are a necessary part of a student's education. Keyboarding is a skill easily learned at home at the pace of the individual student. There are many interactive software packages available with a proven track record for teaching keyboarding skills.

Since students in 7th grade and above are expected to type essays, etc. and 6th grade students would like the opportunity to do so, the school recommends that students entering these grades who do not have proficient keyboarding skills or students who will enter these grades in the future utilize the summer months to improve in or learn this area.

Geneva recommends two specific options for students to obtain keyboarding skills. Please consider investing the time in one of the following:

1. Florida Virtual School

Florida Virtual School offers FREE online courses to any public, private, or home school student in Florida. The virtual offerings allow elementary, middle, and high school students to learn at their pace and on their schedule. You may visit www.flvs.net and sign your student up for the middle school course titled "Business Keyboarding" (course code # 8200110). **Please note:** Make sure it is Florida Virtual, **not** Polk Virtual. Once you have completed this step contact Teri Lawrence so your child will be added to a Florida Virtual class with other Geneva students.

2. Mavis Beacon Typing

A software package that has been used by many people for years is *Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing*. This software is available for both Mac and Windows machines. (If you have an older computer you will have to order an older version of the software.) It can be purchased from many places, including Sam's Club and Amazon.