

## Summer Reading for Current 7<sup>th</sup>/Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

1. **All** students must read *God's Smuggler* by Brother Andrew (with John and Elizabeth Sherrill) and complete the following assignment:
  - a. Write a 250 – 500 word essay explaining Brother Andrew's spiritual journey throughout the book. Through the power of God, how did his life change?
  - b. Essay must be in MLA format: 12 point font, Times New Roman, and double spaced with minimal grammar errors.
  
2. **Honors'** students must read *God's Smuggler* and complete the assignment listed above. In addition, they must read *Animal Farm* by George Orwell.
  - This is an allegorical novel, meaning that it can be read on two levels. There is the surface story, a fable about an uprising of farm animals against their human masters, but it is also a political satire on tyranny, specifically in the Soviet Union prior to and during the Stalin era.
  - You are only expected to understand the surface story; we will use the assignment below when school resumes to discuss and understand the allegorical meaning of the novel.
  - **Assignment** – typed using 12 point font, Times New Roman, and double spaced with minimal grammar errors
    - Complete the attached character list (can be a separate typed document)
    - After reading the novel, write a two paragraph response / reaction. Feel free to respond to whatever aspect of the novel you would like. These are just some suggestions. In this reaction you may address things such as the following:
      - Did you like or dislike the book? Why?
      - How did you feel about a specific character? Why?
      - Would you recommend this book to someone? Why or why not?
      - What was your favorite thing about the book? Least favorite?
      - How did you feel about the author's use of tone, theme, symbolism, etc..

Suggested guidelines for summer reading:

Do NOT wait until the last minute. Order/borrow/checkout the book as soon as possible.

Pace yourself by reading a certain amount of pages each night of the summer.

Complete the assignments **as you are reading** the novels. It will be much more difficult to do the work once you have completed the reading.

List of characters in *Animal Farm*

Directions: Write a brief description of each of the following characters. Suggestion: Do this as you read. If you wait until you have finished reading the book, you will probably find it more difficult. I have included one character as an example of what you should include. You do not have to write in complete sentences.

**Mr. Jones** - original owner of Manor farm, drinks too much, mean to the animals, banished from the farm during the rebellion

**Old Major** -

**Napoleon** -

**The Pigs** -

**Squealer** -

**Mr. Pilkington** -

**Boxer** -

**Major** -

**Snowball** -

**Mollie** -

**Mr. Frederick** -

**The nine dogs** -

**Benjamin** -