



Summer 2026

Dear Incoming 8th Grade Student,

We look forward to you being enrolled in the upcoming school year at Calvary Academy middle school. You will be responsible to **complete the book reading during the summer** and one of the 2 project options listed below, which will be *due on the first full day of school*.

Read a **PARENT APPROVED** book of your choice and **select 1 of the 2 project options** listed to present evidence of reading the book. The attached Plot Diagram will help you with your project.

Select **ONE project** from the following two options:

Project Option #1: TV NEWS SCRIPT:

You are a TV reporter for a news station and you have been sent out to get a story on the main character of the book you read this summer.

Begin with an **introduction** ... "Good Evening, this is _____ from Channel ____ coming to you live from _____ to report on _____."

Write a news script in which you develop 10 interesting questions that you can ask your main character that reveal the following: (1) main character's personality, (2) role that the minor characters played in the story, the major elements of the story, (3) exposition (setting, conflict, inciting incident), (4) rising action, (5) climax, (6) falling action, (7) resolution. Your character's answers to each question must be thorough, accurate and complete, and **approx. 7-10 sentences (single spaced, 12 font, Times New Roman) for each response**.

Project Option #2: DIARY:

Create a Diary – telling the story, not from the main character's perspective but from a **minor character's point of view**. Your diary entries must include all the elements of the story such as exposition (characters, setting, conflict), inciting incident, rising action, climax, falling action and resolution. This project needs to read like a diary so include a good character description of the minor character you select and the other characters of the story so we can better understand the plot from your character's point of view. **You must have a minimum of 10 entries, approximately 7 to 10 sentences for each entry (single spaced, 12 font, Times New Roman).**

Have a blessed summer! In His Service,

Mrs. Susan Greenwood
Upper School Supervisor

TITLE: _____ **AUTHOR:** _____

Complete the plot diagram to focus on elements of fiction.

Main events of the rising action:

Main events of the falling action:

CLIMAX

Greatest point of tension / action:

RISE ACTION

FALLING ACTION

EXPOSITION

RESOLUTION

Setting (where and when): _____

Point of View: _____

Characters Introduced: _____

INCITING INCIDENT: _____

CONFLICT: _____

How is the conflict dealt with?

How has the protagonist changed? What lesson has the protagonist learned?
