

LCA Incoming 7th Grade Summer Reading and Writing Assignments

This summer, you will need to read two books:

- [*The Scarlet Pimpernel*](#) by Baroness Orczy
- One other book of your choice from the list given.

The Scarlet Pimpernel can be a little hard to understand when you first begin to read it, so I recommend that students listen **AS THEY READ** to help them get into the story. [Audible](#) has free trial memberships -- a great time to try it!

In addition, **students will need to continue becoming proficient keyboarders**, because all of the writing assignments you submit in upper school will need to be typed. Please set up an account for the online typing tutorial that we're using by clicking here:

<https://lacademy.typingclub.com>.

Students do NOT need to have an email address to login. Follow the link and enter the username and password that I have created for you. Each student's username and password are the same "word" based on the student's first name and first letter of their last name. For instance, Brian Wilson's username is **brianw** and his password is **brianw**. **Lowercase for both username and password.**

Lessons take less than a minute to complete, and I suggest the students practice for 5 minutes a day. The lessons are fun and rewarding, and I will keep track of the students' progress remotely. Students will receive a grade on their completion of the typing lessons when school begins, so please take the time to practice this summer. It will pay off for the rest of their lives!

Finally, if they do not already have their own email address, **please have your child create an email account in Gmail**. This coming school year, they may need to be able to submit assignments electronically, as well as access information that's shared with them on Google Classroom. [Click here](#) to help them create an email account in Google.

Please see the requirements for the reading assignments on the following pages. Don't hesitate to contact me regarding any questions you may have.

Enjoy your summer reading, and please bring your *Scarlet Pimpernel* book with you when you return in the fall! Have a wonderfully adventurous summer, and may God grant you rest and rejuvenation.

In His grace,
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The Scarlet Pimpernel

by Baroness Orczy

When we return to school in September, we will discuss *The Scarlet Pimpernel* and students will be assessed based on their knowledge of the book. Please answer the following questions in the space provided as you read the novel.

1. Write a one-sentence description of each character, including something that is interesting about them.

A. Percey Blakeney: _____

B. Marguerite St. Just: _____

C. Chauvelin: _____

D. Armand St. Just: _____

Vocabulary. Define the following words:

1. citoyen: _____

2. Comtesse: _____

3. noblesse: _____

4. Madame de la guillotine: _____

5. effusive: _____

6. foppish: _____
7. reprobate: _____
8. eccentricity: _____
9. noisome: _____
10. bereft: _____

Study Questions. Answer in complete sentences.

1. Write a 3-5 sentence summary describing the French Revolution. You may research your answer online.

2. How has the Scarlet Pimpernel managed to elude the guards?

3. Chapter 4, who is the Comtesse, and what is she most worried about?

4. Why did Marguerite hate the Marquis de St. Cyr?

5. In Chapter 13, why was Marguerite conflicted about what to do?

6. In Chapter 17, what did Marguerite realize about Percy? What did she vow to do?

7. In Chapter 22, think of the description of Marguerite at the beginning of the book compared with now. Compare and contrast the two.

8. In Chapter 29, do you believe Chauvelin knows the identity of the Scarlet Pimpernel? Why or why not? Use clues from the text.

Book Summary

The **second book** that you read this summer can be any from the following list. Please read a book that is new to you! When selecting the book, make sure to read the back cover of the book to see if it is something that may be of interest to you. It sometimes takes a chapter or two to get into a novel, but stick with it!

[*Anne of Green Gables*, by L.M. Montgomery](#)

[*The Fellowship of the Ring*, by J.R.R. Tolkien](#)

[*Treasure Island*, by Robert Louis Stevenson](#)

[*The Call of the Wild*, by Jack London](#)

[*The Princess and Curdie*, by George MacDonald](#)

[*Pollyanna*, by Eleanor H. Porter](#)

[*The Enchanted Castle*, by Edith Nesbit](#)

After choosing and reading your book, you will need to **write a three-paragraph essay about the book**. Please follow the outline below to help you know what should be included in each paragraph. I am looking for creative writing, correct spelling and grammar, and to get to know your strengths and weaknesses as a reader and a writer. Your essay needs to be typed and double spaced using 12-point Times New Roman or Arial font. All spelling and grammar should be correct. **For current LCA students: all dress-ups and openers should be used throughout the paper (and marked) to demonstrate that you can use them fluidly.**

Paragraph 1 (5-7 sentences)

- Title of the book
- Author of the book
- Setting (where and when)
- A basic introduction and description of the main characters. you should describe what they are like as well as their role in the story (hero, villain, etc.)

Paragraph 2 (8-10+ sentences)

- Summarize the plot of the story
- Tell about the main problem and the solution, if any, to that problem

- Be selective about the information you include. Only include what you think is MOST important, without leaving out too many details. Many times people do not want to give away the ending of the novel, but you need to explain how the book ends so that I know that you indeed did read and understand the novel.

Paragraph 3 (6+ sentences)

- Tell what you thought of the book (your opinion – would you recommend it to a friend) and explain why.
- What is one LESSON that you think you can learn from this book? What event or character taught you this?