

**Texoma Christian School**  
**English I and English I Honors Required Summer 2019 Reading Assignments**  
**Summer book: *Mere Christianity* C.S. Lewis**



Dear Students,

Please read carefully the following information about your summer reading assignment. Please follow the directions precisely. You will be tested over this during the first week of school. Do not wait until the last minute to read. Your assignments are as follows:

- Regular English I: Read *Mere Christianity* by CS Lewis. Please use whatever reading method you find most effective for your personal learning style. Do not rely on outside sources such as Wikipedia or sparknotes, as you will be expected to understand overarching themes and develop genuine, thoughtful responses.
- English I Honors: Follow the same directions as above. Then, complete the assignment outlined below. This will be due, completed and typed, on the first day of school.

**English I Honors Summer Writing Assignment**

As you read *Mere Christianity*, it will be important for you to develop discussion questions and learn how to develop thoughtful responses. Read the below questions, and bring your responses on the first day of class. We will discuss these questions on the first day, and you may be called upon to read your answer. Your assignment will be due when you walk into class on the first day of your English class. **The assignment will be worth 30 points and no late assignments will be accepted.**

**Assignment:**

**Part I:** Answer the following discussion questions on a separate piece of paper. Responses should be **typed**, and each should be at least 1 paragraph, written in complete sentences.

1. Why does Lewis think it noteworthy to pay attention to the underlying dynamics of quarreling?
2. Christianity makes no sense apart from a sense of the Moral Law and one's personal inability to keep it, how much sense does Christianity make to you?
3. Why does Lewis see Pride as the greatest sin, "the utmost evil," in comparison with which "unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that are mere fleabites"? (p. 110). How does he define Pride and its opposite, Humility? What effect does Pride have on one's relation to other people, to oneself, and to God? What is the relationship between Pride and the other vices? Lewis cites other Christian teachers who share his perspective but does not name them. Who might he be thinking of?

**Part II:** Develop 3 thought provoking discussion questions, using specific page numbers or quotes from the book for reference. Bring these ready to share with the class. Make sure these are open-ended questions (questions that cannot be answered with yes or no).