

**Texoma Christian School**  
**English IV Required Summer 2019 Reading and Writing Assignments**  
**Summer book: *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel**



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. Even though *The Case for Christ* is a short book, you will not understand it if you rush through reading it. Your assignments are as follows:

- Regular English IV: Read *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel. You will need to bring your copy of the book to class on the first day of school. Please use whatever reading method you find most effective for your personal learning style. Make notes in the book or use an audiobook if you wish. Just make sure you understand what is going on in the plot and with the characters. **DO NOT USE SPARKNOTES.**
- We will complete discussion questions on the book the first week of school and then will take a test once we finish.

**English IV Summer Writing Assignment**

As you have hopefully discovered by now, *The Case for Christ* is a very short, yet meaningful novel. The following is a detailed outline of your summer writing assignment. Please note that ALL elements must be typed. Instructions for typing are at the end of this assignment. A very important part of this assignment is the ability to follow directions. **READ EACH STEP CAREFULLY AND DOUBLE CHECK YOUR WORK.**

Your assignment will be **due when you walk into class on the first day of your English class.** It will be your first writing assignment of the year and will NOT be accepted late except under extreme circumstances.

**Writing assignment:**

- Complete a reading journal for each chapter of *The Case for Christ*. To do this, you should make notes about each chapter as you read.
- Note what happens in the plot, the characters, any major conflicts that arise and your projections for what will happen in the next chapter.
- This should be a well-developed paragraph (8-10 sentences).

**Instructions for typing and formatting:**

- You will turn in your assignment with a cover page that includes the following information:
  - Name
  - Instructor's Name
  - Course Title
  - Assignment due date

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- This should be Times New Roman, size twelve, in black ink and centered vertically and horizontally on the page.
- After the cover page, include your reading journals. Reading journals should include the title “Reading Journals: *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel” centered at the top of the document.
- The beginning of your journals should look like this:
  - Chapter one
    - This is the reading journal for chapter one...
- Be sure the chapter title is left aligned. Hit enter once, tab over, then begin typing your journal entry.
- Once you have finished the first entry, hit enter again and begin the next. Be sure to complete all the chapters.
- Journal entries should be double-spaced.
- Use standard, one-inch margins for the whole document.
- Staple all of your work together with the cover page on top followed by the journal entries.
- You will be graded on paragraph development, grammar and mechanics and correct formatting.