

Rising Seventh Grade Summer 2019 Reading List

Required Book:

***The Slave Dancer* by Paula Fox.** This Newbery Award book is a fascinating tale of a young boy who finds himself caught up in the slave trade. This book reveals man's cruelty to man, and as we discuss this book, it leads to the introduction of the theme of seventh grade literature, which is *The Nature of Man*, in particular the depravity of man, and the need for Christ as our Savior.

At least one of the following inspirational books should be read over the summer in addition to *The Slave Dancer*. These suggested titles are inspirational tales of missionaries and others led by God to overcome incredible obstacles.

***Amy Carmichael: Let the Little Children Come* by Lois Hoadley Dick.** The tale of a missionary in India who rescued children from an awful "marriage to the gods."

***George Muller: Man of Faith and Miracles* by Basil Miller.** The story of a man who was a vagabond and thief brought to faith in Christ. He started an orphanage ministry and proved that despite poverty, God could provide for the thousands of orphans in his care.

***The Little Woman* by Gladys Aylward.** The story of a woman who fulfilled her calling as a missionary during China's turbulent Sino-Japanese war in the 1930's. She had to overcome many obstacles to work in China; one of her many contributions was overseeing the safety of over 100 orphans. This is a wonderful testimony to the power of prayer.

***Eric Liddell: Something Greater than Gold* by Janet Benge and Geoff Benge OR *Eric Liddell* by Catherine Swift.** Eric Liddell was the hero of the film "Chariots of Fire," and risked becoming a national disgrace at the 1924 Paris Olympics when he refused to run on Sunday. This story of "God's Athlete" makes inspiring reading.