

# FRIENDSHIP CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Assignment 2025

Choose **ONE** of the following books to read and then complete the writing assignment.

- *Souder* by William Armstrong
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnett
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl
- *The Black Stallion* by Walter Farley
- *Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson
- *Prince Caspian* by C.S. Lewis
- *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Montgomery
- *Back Beauty* by Anna Sewell
- *Mary Poppins* by P.I. Travers

After reading the book you chose, write an essay following the format below. The essay should be at least one page, double-spaced, typed or written in print or cursive.

The assignment is due to Mrs. Hollingshead or Mrs. Collett on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

1. **First Paragraph (Summary):** Write a summary of the book - Write about the **setting**, (where the story takes place, usually time and place). Introduce the **main character** or characters in the story.
  - a. What are the character's qualities, name, etc. Discuss what problem the main character faces in the story. If you are still having trouble starting, you can answer the questions who, what, when, where, and how.
2. **Second paragraph (Opinion):** Write a paragraph giving your opinion on the book. Write about why you like or dislike the book.
  - a. Give details, for example: Was the book confusing? Was it too easy to read or too hard? Was it predictable/ believable? Did you like the ending? What was your favorite part?
3. **Conclusion (Recommendation):** Explain whether you would recommend this book to another student or not? Rate the book from 1 star to 5 stars, and give examples why you gave it the rating you did. Examples should include a quote or quotes from the book or a summary of the part of the book that you liked or did not like.

