All 7th grade English students at Berean Christian School are expected to complete a summer reading assignment. Reading over the summer will help each student improve vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills that will make all studies more beneficial to academic achievement. The summer reading/writing assignments for all students will be due as follows: Objective Test over the required book will be on Friday, August 11, 2017. The writing assignment based on the chosen book will be due on Tuesday, August 22, 2017. Students will be expected to turn in the written work as a hard copy AND upload the assignment(s) to turnitin.com (instructions for uploading the assignment(s) will be given the first week of school, so please just save your work on a memory stick until then).

All 7th Grade English students need to complete sections I, II, and III listed below.

I. Required (An objective test will be given on this book on Friday, August 11, 2017)

1. *Tangerine* – By Edward Bloor

II. Choose One:

1. *Shakespeare’s Secret* - By Elise Broach
2. *Gathering Blue* - By Lois Lowry
3. *Point Blank* – By Anthony Horowitz
4. *Princess Academy* – By Shannon Hale
5. *The Magician’s Nephew* – By C.S. Lewis
6. *Black Duck* – By Janet Taylor Lisle
7. *Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer* – By John Grisham

III. Writing Assignment:
Complete this assignment ONLY for the book selected from section II.

Select 3 meaningful quotes from the book you chose to read. For each quote:
1. **Identify the character** who spoke the quote and **what page the quote** was found on.
2. Explain the **circumstances behind the quote** (provide background details, such as time, place, and situation in which the quote was spoken).
3. Explain **why the quote is important** to the story.

For an example of how these responses should look, please see below.

*For the writing assignment you must use MLA format (This will be explained the first week of school which includes specific: font size/type, heading, margins, in-text citing,*
etc…Please see rubric for guidelines). Please title your paper as follows: Report on ______________ (insert title of book)

Example Writing Response:
Report on Flowers for Algernon

1. "I don't remember ever hating anyone before, but this morning I hated Gimpy with all my heart."

This quote was spoken by Charlie Gordon on page 88 of the book. Charlie, who had a low IQ at the beginning of the book, had a surgery done that made him smarter and is now noticing many parts of his life he never did before. For example, he can now read the signs outside the bakery and remember his family members' names. He thinks this quote when he goes back to work at his old job at Donner's Bakery and realizes Gimpy is not only cheating Mr. Donner, but was using Charlie to help him when Charlie wasn't "smart" enough to understand it earlier in the book. This quote is important because it shows how much Charlie's new knowledge has changed him and also shows how it can have a negative effect he didn't expect - he now knows information he doesn't necessarily want to know, and has to deal with new difficulties in his relationships with people.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

- As a Christian, a person may wonder, “Should Christians study the classics of literature?” Christians should be aware that man’s writings reflect his inner thoughts. This can be seen throughout a study of literature and the authors’ lives. If we look at secular literature (classics) through discerning eyes, our own faith and testimony can be strengthened. The selections chosen for the reading list are either classic in nature or carry strong literary merit. Berean Christian School cannot be responsible for all content in every selection.

- Please be advised: copied, summarized, or paraphrased information from an internet source or any other source is unacceptable. THIS IS PLAGIARISM! Be sure to correctly document sources that are used and use your own thoughts based on what you have learned to complete ANY writing assignment. Common knowledge and your own thoughts do NOT need to be documented.
The following are short summaries of each book. Summaries were taken from Lextile.com and Good Reads. Each description will list the Lexile score.

1. **Tangerine** – By Edward Bloor (680L) Young-Adult Fiction
   “Edward Bloor's award-winning novel Tangerine grabs readers by the collar on the first page and never lets go. Tangerine, Florida once known for its citrus groves is now an uninhabitable quagmire of muck fires and school-swallowing sinkholes. Still, twelve-year-old Paul sees the move as a way to start anew, maybe even make a name for himself in middle school soccer despite his father's obsession with his high-school-age brother Erik's future in football. Paul is visually impaired (without his Coke bottle glasses), but it's everyone else who seems to be blind to Erik's dangerous nature. Written as a series of Paul's journal entries, Tangerine is a gut-wrenching coming-of-age novel about truth, memory, culture, courage, social consciousness, classism, the environment . . . and soccer. Paul is a character well worth cheering for. Underdogs of the world, unite! (Lexile)

2. **Point Blank** – By Anthony Horowitz (610L) Adventure Fiction
   “MI6 assigns Alex Rider, 14, undercover at an elite prep school for teen rebels after two fathers are assassinated. Principal Dr.Grief and vicious cigar-smoking Mrs. Stellenbosch are the only teachers. All the students act studious, perfect - and identical. When Alex finds the plot, the villains find him, and the mountain peak has only a black ski run escape.” (Good Reads)

3. **Shakespeare’s Secret** - By Elise Broach (620L) Young-Adult Fiction
   “Starting sixth grade at a new school is never easy, especially when your name is Hero. Named after a character in a Shakespeare play, Hero isn't at all interested in this literary connection. But when she's told by an eccentric neighbor that there might be a million dollar diamond hidden in her new house and that it could reveal something about Shakespeare's true identity, Hero is determined to live up to her name and uncover the mystery.” (Lexile)

4. **Gathering Blue** - By Lois Lowry (680L) Young-Adult Fiction
   “Loory is a master at creating worlds, both real and imagined, and this incarnation of our civilization sometime in the future is one of her strongest creations.’ Booklist Six years after The Giver, Lois Lowry ushered readers back into that mysterious but plausible futuristic world to tell the story of Kira, orphaned, physically flawed, and left with uncertain prospects. Like The Giver, Gathering Blue challenges readers to imagine what our world could become and how people could evolve.” (Lexile)

5. **The Magician’s Nephew** – C.S. Lewis (790L) Christian Fiction
   “When Digory and Polly are tricked by Digory's peculiar Uncle Andrew into becoming part of an experiment, they set off on the adventure of a lifetime. What happens to the children when they touch Uncle Andrew's magic rings is far beyond anything even the old magician could have imagined. Hurtled into the Wood between the Worlds, the children soon find that they can enter many worlds through the mysterious pools there. In one world they encounter the evil Queen Jadis, who wreaks havoc in the streets of London when she is accidentally brought back with them. When they finally manage to pull her out of London, unintentionally taking along Uncle Andrew and a coachman with his horse, they find themselves in what will come to be known as the land of Narnia.” (Good Reads)

6. **Black Duck** - Janet Taylor Lisle (790L) Historical Fiction
“When Ruben and Jeddy find a dead body in an evening suit washed up on the shore, they are certain it has to do with smuggling liquor. It is spring 1929, Prohibition is in full swing, and many in their community are involved. Soon the boys, along with Jeddy's strong-willed sister, Marina, are drawn in, suspected by rival bootlegging gangs of taking something crucial off the dead man. Then Ruben meets the daring captain of the "Black Duck," the most elusive smuggling craft of them all and it isn’t long before he's keeping dangerous company. Inspired by very real accounts of the "Black Duck," a legendary rum-running boat that worked the New England shores during the era, Newbery Honor winner Janet Taylor Lisle has produced a colorful, original work of historical fiction.” (Lexile)

7. *Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer* – By John Grisham (790L) Legal Thriller/Young-Adult Fiction

“A perfect murder A faceless witness A lone courtroom champion knows the whole truth . . . and he's only thirteen years old Meet Theodore Boone In the small city of Strattenburg, there are many lawyers, and though he's only thirteen years old, Theo Boone thinks he's one of them. Theo knows every judge, policeman, court clerk-and a lot about the law. He dreams of being a great trial lawyer, of a life in the courtroom. But Theo finds himself in court much sooner than expected. Because he knows so much-maybe too much-he is suddenly dragged into the middle of a sensational murder trial. A cold-blooded killer is about to go free, and only Theo knows the truth. The stakes are high, but Theo won't stop until justice is served. This book is brimming with the intrigue and suspense that made John Grisham a #1 international bestseller and the undisputed master of the legal thriller. Theodora Boone: Kid Lawyer will keep readers guessing and pages turning.” (Lexile)

8. *Princess Academy* – By Shannon Hale (890L) Fantasy Fiction

“Miri lives on a mountain where, for generations, her ancestors have quarried stone and lived a simple life. Then word comes that the king's priests have divined her small village the home of the future princess. In a year's time, the prince himself will come and choose his bride from among the girls of the village. The king's ministers set up an academy on the mountain, and every teenage girl must attend and learn how to become a princess. Miri soon finds herself confronted with a harsh academy mistress, bitter competition among the girls, and her own conflicting desires to be chosen and win the heart of her childhood best friend. But when bandits seek out the academy to kidnap the future princess, Miri must rally the girls together and use a power unique to the mountain dwellers to save herself and her classmates.” (Lexile)