

Summer Reading Program  
For students entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Read *Vinegar Boy* by Alberta Hawse

1. The theme is the main idea or central message of a story. Give the theme in one to two sentences.
2. The protagonist is the main character or hero of a story. Remember that this is Biblical fiction; often while Christ himself is in such a story, he is not *necessarily* the protagonist. Who is the protagonist and what is his main conflict in the story?
3. The antagonist in the story is a person or “force” with which the protagonist is in conflict. Who or what is the antagonist in this story and how is the conflict created by him/it?
4. The setting is when and where a story takes place. Describe the setting. Be specific.
5. In a brief paragraph (5 sentences) tell how the protagonist grows or changes throughout the story, including how this happens.

**Evaluation**

1. Assignment: Answers to the above questions are due on the first day of class and are worth one quiz grade. Your answers should be typed, double-spaced, using a “textbook” style font, size 12, and black ink or write it out neatly using blue or black ink. You will lose points for not following directions.
2. Reading quiz: Be prepared to take a quiz on the second day of class.
3. Turn in attached reading log.

8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading Log: **On this sheet, neatly summarize each chapter after you read it. Write only two or three sentences each.**

Chapter 1: The Errand

Chapter 2: What Name?

Chapter 3: Evil Laughter

Chapter 4: Man Under the Stairs

Chapter 5: The Third Man

Chapter 6: The Hiding Hole

Chapter 7: The Road North

Chapter 8: The Crucifixion

Chapter 9: Magdalene

Chapter 10: John and Mary

Chapter 11: The Taste of Hate

Chapter 12: Blood or Ink

Chapter 13: Masters in Israel

Chapter 14: The Storm

Chapter 15: It Is Finished

Chapter 16: Sunset

Chapter 17: Resurrection Day

Chapter 18: Day of Recompense

Chapter 19: Ascension Day

Chapter 20: Adoption Day

Chapter 21: The Day of the Impossible