Independent Reading Project Guidlines

2010 – 2011

8th Grade

All 8th grade students are required to participate in the independent reading program for Greenbrier Christian Academy. You may read a fiction book or biography that you have not read before. The books need to be appropriate for a Christian student of your age and ability. If the books are not GCA appropriate or age level appropriate, you will not receive credit for that book. Please check your books with me so that you do not lose credit for the books that you read. Authors whose books cannot receive credit include but are not limited to Stephen King, R.L. Stine, Danielle Steel, Dean Koontz, Anne Rice, Christopher Pike, Stephenie Meyer, and Nicholas Sparks. Any trashy romance books or books about vampires cannot be included in your total number of pages. You may read nonfiction books, but you must get them approved by me before beginning. All books must be **approved by** your **parents first** and then by me. You do not have to buy the books; you may check them out from my library or GCA’s library, borrow them from someone, or check them out from your local public library.

Most of the reading will take place outside of class time, but certain days will be set aside in English class to either read your independent reading book or work on the essay questions that will be due for each book. Always bring your current book to class in case you have extra time to be working on it.

When you finish each book, you will first enter the information onto your reading log that you will keep during your 8th grade year. Secondly, you will answer two essay questions about your book on the next assigned independent reading class day. You do not want to wait until the last independent reading class day to write all of your essays since you may not have enough time. Finally, you will choose one of the books that you read during that quarter to do the assigned project on. For the first two quarters you will do a different project to demonstrate what you have learned.

Your test grade for the independent reading project will include the essays that you wrote for each book, the project that you completed for one of the books, and the page numbers that you read during the quarter. You may count the novels that we are doing in class as part of the total number of pages for that quarter, but you must also answer the essay questions over those novels to have them count. **You must finish a book** to count the page numbers toward your total. Below is the pages guide for 8th grade.

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500-475 = A

474-450 = B

449-425 = C

424-400 = D

399 or below = F

During the second week of each quarter, you will receive information about the project that is due for one of the books that you will read during that quarter. The information will include specifics over the project as well as the rubric that will be used for that quarter. You must complete the project as well as the essay questions to receive credit for your reading.

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Please sign below acknowledging that you understand the information given about the independent reading for 8th grade. This form needs to be signed by the student as well as the parent, returned to be checked by Miss Crowder, and then filed in the student’s binder for future reference.

Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_