

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY SCHOOL  
SUMMER READING PROGRAM-- 2008**

The following books are required reading during the summer.

Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Johnny Tremain, by Esther Forbes

Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Hatchet, by Gary Paulsen

Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Esperanza Rising, by Pam Munoz Ryan

Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Red Badge of Courage, by Stephen Crane

Using complete sentences, students should type (double spaced, size 12 font) the answers to the discussion questions provided. This assignment should be submitted by the end of the first full week of classes, August 29, 2008. There will also be a short quiz, given at some point during the early part of the year.

Your child must also read two others books of his/her choice. Please list the books and authors below. Note: Parents should decide whether or not the reading level and content are appropriate.

Book #1      Title: \_\_\_\_\_

                  Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Book #2      Title: \_\_\_\_\_

                  Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name      \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature      \_\_\_\_\_

Date      \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Type your answers in complete sentences. Attach this sheet to your answers.

Chapters 1-6

1. How had Henry's regiment been treated while training in Washington?
2. What is the loud soldier's name?
3. What comment did Henry make that caused Wilson to storm off, accusing the youth of talking like he was Napoleon Bonaparte?
4. What happened to a cowardly soldier who tried to flee the battle?
5. Why did the tall soldier awaken Henry from a sleep at dawn?

Chapters 7-12

6. What broke the serene silence of the chapel?
7. List two childhood memories Henry recalled that helped him forget his painful head wound.
8. How did Henry get his wound?
9. Who came to Henry's rescue and led him through the woods back to his regiment's camp?
10. How did Henry compare himself to a squirrel he observed in the forest?

Chapters 13-18

11. When was the new charge going to begin?
12. At the beginning of Chapter 16, one sarcastic soldier commented, "Mebbe yeh think yeh fit th' hull battle yesterday, Fleming." How did this comment affect Henry?
13. Why was Henry's regiment hesitant to return aggressive fire once the enemy arrived and began shooting?
14. What improvement did Henry want in his rifle?
15. How many men from the 304<sup>th</sup> were expected to survive the upcoming charge?

Chapters 19-24

16. Why did Henry vow to make his final revenge his dead body lying upon the field?
17. What strange emotions were displayed by some of the bravest, unfaltering soldiers after they retreated back to their own lines?
18. How did the fallen soldiers affect their standing comrades?
19. As the new flag bearer, what role did Henry seem to play during the intense fighting in Chapter 22?
20. As Henry returned to camp with his comrades, two guilty memories clouded his mind. What were they?