

Middle School Summer Reading List
Holy Cross of San Antonio
Grade 8

Book titles: *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi
Night by Elie Wiesel

Books are available at any bookstore or at the public library.

Due date: Portfolio due on first day of school. Students should be ready to discuss books in class the first day of school.

Portfolio: Students will include the following in their portfolio to turn in on the first day of school. Students should put their portfolio project in a folder clearly marked with their name and grade.

Book I: *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*

- Complete the “Ways to attack a castle” worksheet (attached)
- Based on your reading, choose a character, describe what feudal category he/she represents, then research and write a two-page essay explaining why. You can research the feudal system or the feudal caste.
- **Include a copy of your article or research with your summary.**
 - Students can use the World Book Encyclopedia as a source. Students registered at Holy Cross can access the World Book Encyclopedia online by using their password.








***All writing should be typed, 12 –point, double-spaced

Book II: *Night*

- Write a one-page review of this book, as though you were reviewing it for a newspaper. Here are some questions to help you:
 - Could you relate to any of Ellie’s experiences? OR Could you relate his experiences to anything else you’ve read before? How? Why? You must be able to relate it to something!
 - Did the author do a good job of describing a feeling of alienation? How? Why? Give a brief example (in your own words), from the book where he does this.
 - Would you recommend this book to others? Why? Why not?

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Ways to Attack a Castle

	 <p>Fire Arrows</p>	 <p>Battering Ram</p>	 <p>Ladder</p>	 <p>Belfry Tower</p>	 <p>Catapult</p>	 <p>Mining</p>	 <p>Siege</p>
How it Works							
Good Points							
Bad Points							
Best Castle to Attack							