

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

Book titles: *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi
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 the book and take a test on the first day of school.

Portfolio: Students will include the following items in their portfolio. 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 (on back)
- 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