

Prerequisites: 5th to 9th graders who have an interest in reading in community for the summer (parents welcome)

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Course Description:

This summer I welcome 5th to 9th graders to join us for one or both sessions of C.S. Lewis book reading from *The Chronicles of Narnia* series. Session A will read *The Magician's Nephew* and Session B will read *The Battle*. These books will change students' lives and, in the meantime, teach them how to read with delight, depth, and skill, as well as prepare them to write well. There are no required assignments only that you come and participate with delight and joy in reading and discussion in community.

Summer Book Club Sessions: (June 11th to July 25th) 12 sessions/ no class the week of 4th of July

Book Club A: The Magician's Nephew (Tuesdays/Thursdays 11:00 am EST)

Book Club B: The Battle (Tuesday/Thursdays 12:30 pm EST)

Sessions meet on: June 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 & July 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25

The goal of these sessions is to help students develop the following habits:

- Taking notes in their books (annotation)
- Orally telling back the story
- Summarizing
- · Creating their own questions
- Keeping notes book-wide on the great ideas that animate the book
- Engaging with questions that stimulate discussion about thematic material
- Answering different types of questions, such as reading questions, which develop close-reading skills
- Answering life questions that apply the material
- Memorizing important quotations (optional)
- Writing a strong essay at book's end like a persuasive or comparison essay(optional)

Student Expectations: Summer reading aims to cultivate a communal love and exploration of story, reading, and journaling. Class time will sometimes be spent reading aloud as a group, as well as sharing each student's reflections and musings from their reading journal.

Students will be encouraged to keep a three-ring binder/reading journal with the following tabs:

- Vocabulary
- Questions
- Musings (contemplative journaling)

The Virtual Classroom:

Scholé Academy uses free online "virtual classroom" software provided by Zoom, one of the leading companies that provides such software. The virtual classroom will provide students with interactive audio and an interactive whiteboard in which texts, diagrams, video, and other media can be displayed and analyzed. <u>Once enrolled, student will be emailed a link that will enable them to join the virtual classroom.</u>

Specific information regarding the technology used by Scholé Academy (including required technology) can be found by visiting <u>www.ClassicalAcademicPress</u>.com.