

SUMMER READING CLUB 2024
AT SCHOLÉ ACADEMY

STARTS
JULY 8TH



JOAN OF ARC

Mark Twain's Best Book

Mark Twain's *Joan of Arc* is not your typical saint's biography. Written as a fictional memoir through the narrative lens of Joan's childhood friend and military secretary, Louis de Contes, Twain turned his own 12 years of factual research into a literary masterpiece and what he considered his finest work.

In this book club, we will journey together with St. Joan of Arc from her childhood to her martyrdom as she answers God's call to save France from English occupation during the Hundred Years' War. Additionally, Mark Twain is known for his poignant use of caricature in his novels to, at times, embellish the truth, but more profoundly, to create a depth within his characters that we can all find relatable. In this club, students will also create written and artistic caricatures based on characters in the story as well as those from their own personal experiences.

Through reading, writing, art, and emotion, students will have an up-close look into the heart of a young woman of very little education but very great faith and confidence in God and trust in His divine providence.

Mondays and Wednesdays
1:00pm - 2:15pm EST

Grades 7-12

Reading Schedule

July 8th: pp. 31-74

July 10th: pp. 75-126

July 15th: pp. 127-183

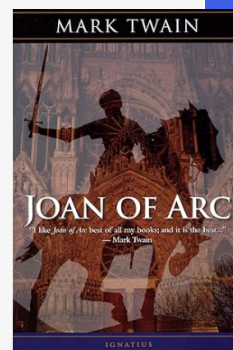
July 17th: pp. 184-226

July 22nd: pp.227-273

July 24th: pp. 274-324

July 29th: pp. 325-374

July 31st: pp. 375-438



Required Text: Joan of Arc by Mark Twain (Ignatius Press, 1989)

“Joan of Arc was not made as others are made. Fidelity to principle, fidelity to truth, fidelity to her word, all these were in her bone and in her flesh...where she had taken her stand and planted her foot, there she would abide; hell itself could not move her from that place.” - *Joan of Arc*, Mark Twain

About the Instructor

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Monika Minehart, Chair of Aquinas House of Studies, is a military spouse and mother of four, and she has been working in Catholic Religious Education for over 15 years. She has instructed children and adults as a Director of Religious Education, Youth Minister, and Faith Formation Facilitator. She earned her B.A. in English and Early Christian Studies from The University of Michigan and her M.A. in Divinity from The University of Chicago with a focus in Biblical Studies and Koine Greek. In addition to being a homemaker and homeschooling mother, Monika enjoys reading, weightlifting, and listening to a variety of uplifting music especially Danielle Rose, The Vigil Project, and the Hillbilly Thomists. **She loves St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and St. Thérèse loved St. Joan of Arc.**