

Summer Reading Assignment 9th, 10th grade

Book 1:

Safely Home, by Randy Alcorn

Of two college friends who reconnect after twenty years, one is living apart from God in comfortable corporate America. The other is living for Christ under intense persecution in China. This book forces the reader to evaluate the limits of his/her faith.

Written work: You must have this on the first day of school. It will be evaluated for meeting of requirements, and the demonstration of thought and effort.

For *Safely Home*, keep a **reading journal**. The very nature of this book is thought-provoking, and will elicit some strong emotional responses. This can be handwritten, but must be legible.

Number of entries-approximately one for every 2 chapters; about ¼ page minimum handwritten. (typing is welcomed, but not necessary.)

More information

- This is a test grade- fill it with as many “deep thoughts”, reactions, and connections to real life as possible!
- Do not worry about spelling, etc. I will only take off points for this if errors make it difficult for me to understand.
- Express your ideas completely, with detail and explanation. If a passage reminds you of a conversation you had with your pastor, summarize the conversation; if it reminds you of your relationship with your brother, describe that relationship.

Suggestions

- Use a particular passage from the book, and make observations about the writer’s craft; descriptions, symbolism, metaphors, etc.
- Connect it to something you’ve learned in a prior class.
- Write about the feelings you get when you read a passage.
- What would you say to a character if you could?

Grading-THIS COUNTS AS YOUR FIRST TEST GRADE

- 10 pts: journal has appropriate number of entries.
- 20 pts: journal reflects commitment an effort
- 20 pts: journal reflects fully expressed, original ideas.

Book 2:

This is a book of your choice. Please make it appropriate to your grade level. No written work is required during the summer, but please bring **the book with you the first day of school**, as you will need it for assessment related activities.

Note: When you return there will be a book test and a writing assignment based on the novel *Safely Home*. Please read carefully!

