

**8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment**  
**Cresset Christian Academy**  
**Ms. Palumbo**

During the summer you will read *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain. Be sure to pace yourself. You should make a plan for reading the book at a reasonable pace. Don't put it off until the last two weeks of summer. After reading the book, choose one of the following activities to complete. Be sure to indicate what activity number you have chosen on your paper/project. The first day of school is August 11. Your project is due on August 13.

1. Tell your thoughts and feelings about something that happened in the reading or something about one of the characters in the reading. How does an event or a person remind you of something in your experience or life? How does it relate? Be sure to include specific events from both the book and your own life.
2. "Become" one of the characters. Comment on the events of the reading from his/her point of view. Tell an incident the way this character sees it. Include the thoughts and feelings of the character that may not be mentioned in the story.
3. Draw a picture of a scene from the reading. Explain why you chose that scene.
4. Write a letter to the author of the book. Tell him what you liked and disliked about the story and his writing style. Give her specific reasons and examples from the story to support what you say. Be sure that your letter is in the correct format.
5. Make a collage of a major theme from the book. Use clippings from magazines, newspapers, etc. The collage must be on paper that is at least 8 ½" x 14" and should include at least 10 different clips. On the back of the collage, explain in one paragraph what theme you are representing and what it has to do with the novel.
6. Make a tri-fold travel brochure that invites tourists to visit the setting of the book. Describe the scenery and surroundings. Explain the types of activities that might be available. Your brochure should employ colorful design, pictures, and phrasing in order to entice travelers to go there.
7. Create a comic strip or a storyboard for the events in the story. Be sure that the illustrations explain the story clearly. Do not include every detail – only those that are necessary to understand the actions. You will not be judged on your artistic talent, only on your apparent effort.

8. Rewrite the story or part of the story as a poem or a song. Be sure to include important incidents and conflicts.
9. Make a “wanted” poster for one of the characters in the book. Include the following: (a) a drawing or cut out picture of the character, (b) a physical description of the character, (c) the character’s misdeeds (or deeds?), (d) other information about the character which is important, (e) the reward offered for the capture of the character or object.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [Spalumbo@cressetchristian.org](mailto:Spalumbo@cressetchristian.org). I will check my e-mail twice a week. Have a marvelous summer and keep reading!