

# CIRCLE CHRISTIAN UPPER SCHOOL

## 2018-19 High School

### Required Summer Reading with Assignments

#### English 3, 4, Honors

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#### Required Summer Reading: *The Weight of Glory* by C.S. Lewis

C.S. Lewis is a renowned and prolific author from the twentieth century. He is known for his ability to pour great meaning into concise and well structured writing, C.S. Lewis is also recognized for his timeless and creative works of fiction. Though Lewis was not a preacher or pastor, he was a deep and ever practical theologian who always sought to address real issues in real ways. *The Weight of Glory* gives the reader the opportunity to unpack spiritual truths while confronting the application of them in one's own life.

#### Required Summer Assignment: Two Parts (Estimated time 2 hours + reading)

1. **Choose one of the many strong spiritual themes in the text.** As you *actively read* (with highlighter or pen in hand) *The Weight of Glory* by C.S. Lewis, ask yourself the 3 questions below:
  - Which themes stand out strongly *to me* as the reader? (Highlight, make notes in the margins, dog-ear the page, etc.)
  - Why do these themes stand out *to me* as a reader?
  - What evidence in the text feels strong *to me* that supports these themes?

Answering these questions will give breadth and individuality to your paper and include a perspective of your personality and outlook on life.

2. **Construct a well organized, structured 5 paragraph essay** that includes at least 3 relevant, supporting quotes, using the assignment outlined above and using Lewis' *The Weight of Glory* complete the essay details below:
  - You must include 3 properly cited quotations from the text as textual evidence to support your explanation.
  - Your writing for this summer assignment should show your basic understanding of structure and organization of writing and your ability to use recognized themes from the author's prose supported by textual evidence.

As a quick review, essays/papers should have an introduction, which includes a thesis statement, a body of at least three paragraphs, and a conclusion. All citations must use MLA guidelines for in-text citations and the works cited page. [See Purdue Owl for online MLA citation help.](#)

**Upload your essay to the link on the eLC during Orientation Week, prior to the first class.**

**It's going to be a GREAT YEAR!**