

Sixth Grade Summer Reading and Journal Assignment

The Pilgrim's Progress in Modern English

By John Bunyan

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Revised and Updated by L. Edward Hazelbaker (1998)

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The Pilgrim's Progress is considered “the greatest allegory ever written.” John Bunyan, its author, penned the story while sitting in a prison cell, jailed for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. The story appeals to children (of all ages) with the excitement of a journey made by the main character Christian who looks for the Celestial City. This timeless classic challenges believers to understand biblical teachings about life, and unbelievers to see something of the state of their own souls.

Revised in a modern English translation by L. Edward Hazelbaker, this rendition will capture the hearts and souls of its readers!

While reading Part 1 of this work, students are to journal in two-column entries every two chapters of the story. Use a bound composition journal. Place your name on the Front Cover of the journal only. Fold each page vertically (hot dog style). Briefly summarize the story (every 2 chapters) on the left hand side and place your thoughts, questions, opinions, analysis, evaluations etc. on the right hand side. The number of pages for each part of the story is at your discretion—about twenty pages in all would be typical of what I am looking for by the time you are through (see back to get an idea of what or how to write in 2-column format). Part 1 has twenty chapters, so two pages per two chapters will be adequate. Remember this is a summary and then your thoughts about what you are reading.

If you want to read and journal Part 2 for extra credit, you may do so. Journal the same way as you did Part 1.