



# James Island Christian School

2026 Summer Reading Assignment

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Rising 7th Grade Honors and CP

The specific guidelines for Rising 7th Grade follow:

## **Rising Seventh Graders**

***The Witch of Blackbird Pond*: ISBN: 0547550294 / 13: 9780547550299**

Students will read **one** required book, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, by Elizabeth George Speare. This novel will be tested during the first week of school. (The test will be composed of objective and subjective questions pertaining to specific details of the novel and an essay question.)

Students will keep a journal in which they summarize the main events of each of the chapters of *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*. The entries should be dated and each entry should be 5-7 sentences in length. Students should write in complete sentences. These journals will be collected on the first full day of school.

**Journals may be written neatly in black or blue ink on notebook paper or typed: double space; font size:12; font style; Times New Roman.**

### **Journal Cover:**

Design an attractive cover that includes the title, author, and a picture depicting the main character/s of the novel. The cover picture may be handmade or computer generated.

**Have fun with this, and let your creativity flow!**

**Other cover ideas:**

- a pencil sketch of the main character and /or the setting
- a collage of pictures or illustrations depicting the main character and objects of this historical time period as described in the novel.

The cover page and journal entry pages should be placed in a report binder that has a transparent cover.

**Grading criteria:** Sentence structure, grammatical accuracy, **neatness**, and creativity.

**Academic Integrity:** Academic research demonstrates that summer reading helps prevent the summer slide, significant achievement gaps, among all student demographics. Consequently, unless a student has official accommodations on file with JICS, he is expected to read independently and without the help of audio recordings, movies, or any other reading aids.

**I acknowledge that I have read independently without the use of audio recordings, movies, or any other printed reading aids like Sparknotes. Furthermore I have not used ChatGPT in my written preparations. (Sign and return with your assignment on the first full day of school.)**

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_