

# 8th Grade Summer Reading Project

For your summer reading project, you will read *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom.

After reading, you will choose one of the following options to complete. This project is due the Thursday of the second week of school.

## Option 1: What if?

Imagine that you are living with your family in Holland during the Holocaust, and a Jewish family arrives at your door asking for a place to stay. Write an essay that answers the following questions:

What would you do?

Why would you choose to act the way that you just described?

What would your emotions be throughout this time?

How do the actions you described compare to the teachings of the Bible?

Length: 2 pages (double-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman)

## Option 2: The Frontlines

Pick a theme in *The Hiding Place* (Faith and Action, Forgiveness, Family, Moral Choices, God's love is always there, Love for Others, Responsibility of Christians to Stand up Against Evil). These messages are "in the frontlines" of her story.

Create a timeline that shows how this particular theme is developed in the story. You must have at least 5 different points on your timeline. At each point, include the following:

An explanation of what is happening in the story at that particular point

An analysis of how the theme of the story is clearly shown and developed through this moment

Text evidence that supports your analysis (cited with the page number)

An explanation of how your text evidence supports what you wrote in section 2

Write the theme sentence at the top of the page. You may illustrate your timeline in addition to your sentences.

Length: 5 timeline points, each with a 5-6 sentence analysis

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