

Freshman Summer Reading 2022

Grade 9

Read, The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare

This book has several powerful themes throughout the story. The main character Daniel bar Jamin is dealing with serious issues of anger and hatred as are some of the other characters. Yet, there are also powerful examples of love and forgiveness. After reading this book, write a reflection paper that addresses the questions related to these themes.

Jesus' Greatest Commandment is recorded in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus says:

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22:34-39)

Reading Focus: Focus your reading on discovering whether or not Daniel bar Jamin lived in accordance with Jesus' Greatest Commandment. Note his feelings and behavior in the beginning of the book. What are the reasons for his feelings? Do his feelings and behaviors change throughout the book? What does or does not cause him to change? What role does Jesus play in Daniel's life?

Reflection:

1. Find two specific examples from the book (with quotations and page numbers) and use them to write an essay in which you explain how Daniel does or does not follow Jesus' Greatest Commandment.
2. Explain the reason(s) for Daniel's following or not following the Commandment.
3. Jesus is a character in this book. Explain the role Jesus plays in Daniel's life.

Your essay should be 3-5 paragraphs long, typed, and double-spaced.

