

SUMMER READING SERIES

Overview

Summer is here! The sun is shining, the weather is warm and there is nothing better than going to summer camp or working a few shifts or spending a week at the beach or bouncing from basketball camp to basketball camp or sleeping until 4 in the afternoon or curling up with a good book. We can't tell you how to enjoy summer, and we do hope you enjoy it, but we can encourage you to keep reading. In our effort to build life-long learners we are introducing Williamsburg Christian Academy's Summer 2019 Reading Series.

Grades 11 and 12 will be reading *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover.

Objectives/Activities

AFTER YOU HAVE READ *EDUCATED: A MEMOIR* BY TARA WESTOVER SELECT ONE OF THE COMMON APP ESSAY PROMPTS BELOW AND WRITE THE ESSAY AS IF YOU TARA WESTOVER APPLYING FOR COLLEGE. COMPLETE YOUR ESSAY BY THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR AT WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?

Materials

Textbook:

Educated: A Memoir
by Tara Westover

How to obtain:

Available free on loan from WJCC
Library (subject to availability)

Purchase new at Amazon (\$16.80
hardcover)

<http://bit.ly/wcaEDTW>