



# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Assignment

## *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

Author: C.S. Lewis

Rising 6th-grade students at Ascent Classical Academy are required to read *The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. It is important students are familiar with this book as it will be one that the 6th grade Humanities teachers will be referring to throughout the year as they teach about virtues and vices.

Students should complete the five paragraph essay as described below and will submit their paper on the first day of school, Monday, August 28, 2023.

## **Writing Assignment**

### **Paragraph One: Introduction: Topic Sentence**

Identify the name of the book and the author. Write a topic sentence describing a theme of the book. Include information about the setting (where it takes place) and the main characters in this paragraph.

### **Paragraph Two: Rising Action**

Identify the major plot points in order of how they happened in the book. Example: Susan left her home in search of her missing horse. She encountered many frightening adventures during her journey. The first frightening experience was when she got stuck in an abandoned building in the middle of nowhere. Her second experience made her wonder if she was cut out for this sort of thing.

Remember, you are telling a story and your reader needs to be able to follow your story. Everything in this paragraph should be a part of the rising action that leads you to the climax of the story.

### **Paragraph Three: Climax**

In fifth grade, we discussed the story plot diagram. In this paragraph, you will focus on the climax. What is the conflict and/or the problem that needs to be solved? What is the turning point of the story?

**Paragraph Four: Denouement/Resolution** After the climax, what events form the denouement (dA-nu-ma): French word meaning "the final part of a play, movie, or narrative in which the strands of the plot are drawn together and matters are explained or resolved". What parts of the story need to be wrapped up before the ending?.

### **Paragraph Five: Conclusion (includes opinion statement)**

What happens at the end of the story or what forms the conclusion? In paragraph five, you should also tell me what you liked most about the book. Was it the way the author told the story, the drama and intrigue, the emphasis on action and adventure, or did the book just make you want to dream your afternoon away,

imagining yourself on a similar magical adventure? I want to know why you enjoyed reading this book. Tell me if you think this book was worth reading, and possibly even re-reading. The best books are all worth rereading many, many times. Did you choose a book that falls into the category of "the best" books? If not, then perhaps you will need to do some serious thinking before you choose your next book.

**Remember to:**

- Title your book report
- Make a list of five to ten new words you encountered while reading.
  - Are they words you can use regularly now because you paused to look them up?
  - Growing your vocabulary is an important part of growing your brain, and we all know how important growing your brain is to your academic development.
- Write in neat cursive or type your report. Hand-printed book reports will not be accepted, nor will illegible book reports.
  - Display how beautifully you can write and how beautifully you can present reports of what you have read.