Middle School Critics Club

Who should join? If you’re an avid reader and would like to talk about the books you enjoy as well as hear book recommendations from other book-loving students, please join the Critics Club. If you enjoy being a reading leader and want to help promote reading across the Trinity campus then this is the club for you! We meet during the lunch period in the CLC a few times each month so there is no outside of school commitment.

How do I join? To become a member of the Critics Club, you must read and respond to a certain number of books in addition to the summer reading requirement for your grade. The following are the number of books you must read and review this summer in order to qualify as a Critics Club Member. Your summer responses must be completed by Friday, Sept 2, 2016. To complete a response, go to this link and answer the questions for each book. (You could also hand write your responses – see questions below)

Entering 5th or 6th grade: Read and respond to 2 books from the Texas Bluebonnet, Texas Lone Star or Newbery list (consider descriptions for topic interest/appropriateness and please do NOT choose books that you are reading for your English or History teachers summer work assignment).

Entering 7th or 8th grade: Read and review 2 books from the Texas Lone Star, Newbery, Printz, or YALSA list (consider descriptions for topic interest/appropriateness and please do NOT choose books that you are reading for your English or History teachers summer work assignment).

Why should I become a Book Critic?
● Set and meet impressive reading goals.
● Share your love and knowledge of books with your schoolmates.
● Develop on-line book reviews through the library catalog (Destiny Quest).
● Have great discussions about books and life with your Critics Club friends.
● Help the librarian recommend books to the students at Trinity.
● Play a role in on and off campus literary events (Optional not required).
- Have your Critic’s Cards posted in the library.
- Earn another credential for your résumé and high school applications.
- Meet at least twice per month for a members-only get together.

(See below for Critics Club Questionnaire Requirements, this is also available online, click this link.)

Critics Club Book Questionnaire (you must complete all questions for each book)

1. Your first and last name

2. Grade level

3. Title and author of your book

For the following, include only important details and use complete sentences:

4. Provide a short, original summary of the story (plot)

5. How is the main character like or not like you?

6. Summarize the most important scene of this book.

7. Why is it the most important scene of the book?

8. Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not?