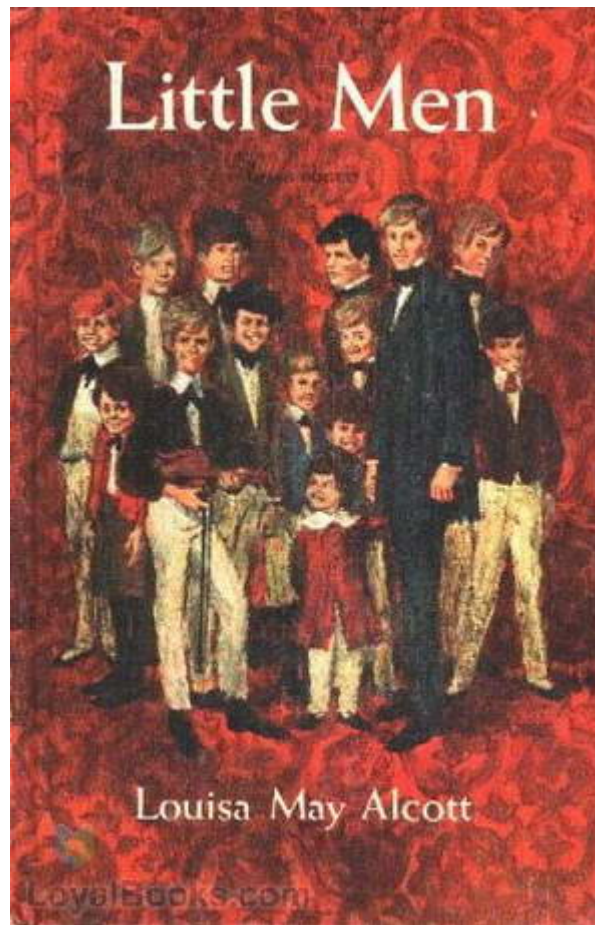


Oratory Academy of St. Philip Neri
SUMMER READING PROJECT
INCOMING 8th Graders

Little Men by Louisa May Alcott



(Notice: There are THREE PAGES to this document, so please scroll all the way down).

Hello! I am Ms. Saenz, your new Middle School teacher. I have gathered your summer reading assignment for you to complete. The first assignment is for the novel, *Little Men* by Louisa May Alcott. You will also need to get a three pronged folder to complete your summer reading project (please hole punch and place in folder when completed). They are very inexpensive and available at many local stores. This folder will be where you place your summer reading assignment. You may purchase the novel on *Amazon.com* or Barnes and Nobles.

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Your summer reading project must include:

First page- Cover page should include: Title of the novel and the author should appear prominently on the front of the page. (centered and in the middle of the cover page 20 font, Times New Roman.)

Second page-(upper left hand side of paper)- Heading should be in MLA format:

First name, Last name

Ms. Saenz

English

14 June 2017 (The number of day must go first followed by the month and year)

(IF YOU KNOW YOUR HANDWRITING ISN'T VERY LEGIBLE, YOU MUST TYPE OUT YOUR WORK. I WILL NOT GRADE IT IF I CANNOT READ IT.)

Third page- Summary: Briefly, in your own words (minimum 300 words) summarize in sequence what you've read. This should convey the gist, main conflict, and highlights of the reading. Avoid too many details! It should not be the blurb from the back of the novel or a book report, and it needs to be a true summary. (Hint: make a Freytag/ Plot pyramid to extend on the main points of the novel.)

Fourth page-Visual Image: What visual images were created in your mind as you read? Place this image on page four. The image can be something that was talked about or reminded you of something. Any sort of illustration is adequate. In other words, show me what you imagined; do not write about it.

Fifth page-Vocabulary: Identify and define 10 words or terms that were puzzling or unfamiliar to you. Give the word, page number, and definition for these words. Be sure the definition properly defines the word as it is used in your book. You must then use it in a sentence with proper term for credit.

Sixth page-Connections: You will be required to write three instances when you can relate to the theme/plot of the novel. (If you don't have one- make it up). Remember, think about the environment around you, school, community, family, other pieces of literature, etc. (Note: each instance/recollection/time must be a minimum of 100 words).

(You will be asked to give an oral presentation of your project in class. Summer reading project is due Wednesday, August 16, 2017 (The ONLY exception is for students who enrolled late) If you are an active student, you must submit by assigned due date (No exceptions).

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In completing your summer reading assignment, please refer to the following websites that have been proven to be very helpful:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/12/>

<http://grammar.about.com/od/c/g/citationterm.htm> (for information about in text citations or citing sources inside your document)