

Dear Form III Parents,

I hope you and your son are looking forward to summer. I know I am! But part of summer for your budding young academicians certainly must include... Summer Reading! Hence, I am assigning the book *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes. It is a historical novel which tells the tale of a fourteen-year-old boy in Revolutionary-era Boston. It is available at [Amazon](#) or nearly all bookstores. Any print edition will do. Below are the instructions for the assignment that accompanies the reading of the novel. The boys should type it, and then either print it out for turning in on the first day of History class after Opening Ceremonies, or, if they so choose, they can email it to me as an attached Word document sometime *before August 1st*, to get a little extra credit on it (and to get it out of the way). However, **they should not email it to me before June 22nd**. In any event, it is due by the first day of History class in August. I look forward to discussing the novel with them when school reconvenes in the fall.

Thanks,

Fr. Augustine

Form III History

Summer Reading Assignment

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The Book: Forbes, Esther. *Johnny Tremain*. It is a historical novel which tells the tale of a fourteen-year-old boy in Revolutionary-era Boston. Many of the figures and events in the story will come up in class next Fall. It is available in almost any bookstore and any print edition will do.

Instructions: As you are reading the book, you will create a **typed “logbook”/journal of 20 separate, short entries**, in each of which you briefly describe either an insight OR the question(s) that a particular moment in the book raises in your mind **about life in 18th century American society**. The entries should be numbered, 1-20, and each entry should be written in complete-sentence form. *2-3 sentences long should be sufficient for most of your entries*. Try your best to space out your entries over the course of the whole book as you read it. That would mean an entry for about every 12-15 pages that you read. Though, some pages might be more interesting than others, and inspire you to write multiple entries.

It is also very likely that a **quiz** over the book will be given sometime during the first few days of the fall semester.