

Here at Christ the King Cathedral School, we know that students need some time to rest and relax during the summer; however, we also know that students who do not read during this time may fall victim to learning loss known as “summer slide.” Therefore, we require summer reading of all students, as well as accompanying assignments.

10th Grade Required Summer Reading

Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya ISBN 978-0-446-60025-5

Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Abom ISBN 978-0-7679-0592-3

We will begin the school year by reading the novel To Kill A Mockingbird. ISBN 978-0-446-31078-9. Please purchase the book by September 4.

ACTIVITIES

Bless Me, Ultima

- I. Literary Elements Graphic Organizer (attached)
- II. Symbol Project – Choose one of the significant symbols in the novel (the owl, the golden carp, or the Virgen de Guadalupe) and write a properly structured paragraph explaining the symbol and its significance in the novel. Create a visual representation of the symbol, such as a drawing, painting or collage. The project will be attractively assembled on a poster board.

Tuesdays with Morrie

Aphorism Project

In Tuesdays with Morrie, Morrie writes aphorisms (an observation that contains a lesson or truth) on Post-it notes. Through these aphorisms, the author reveals great life lessons.

Directions – You will choose **one** of Morrie’s aphorisms and create a three slide Powerpoint or Prezi that presents its application in the book

through quotes and images. You will apply the aphorism to your own life as well.

Slide One – Literary Connection to Aphorism

- ~ Put your chosen aphorism in the center – be sure to quote and cite it.
- ~ Find FIVE quotes in the text that relate to the aphorism. Be sure to cite.
- ~ Under each quote, write 1-2 sentences that *explain* how the quote relates to the aphorism.

Slide Two – Illustrative Connection to Aphorism

- ~ Put chosen aphorism in center – be sure to quote and cite it.
- ~ Find **eight** images that clearly depict what the aphorism is trying to teach its readers.
- ~ Be sure to cite each image by copying and pasting its url underneath the image.
- ~ Next to each image, use one word or short phrase that connects the image to the aphorism.

Slide three – Personal Connection to Aphorism

- ~ Put chosen aphorism in center – be sure to quote and cite it.
- ~ Provide **three** experiences from your life that connect to the aphorism.
- ~ Next to each experience, provide an explanation as to how your experience applies to Morrie’s aphorism.

**Summer reading assignments are due on Monday, August 20.
Be prepared for assessments over the novels.**