

# Incoming Seventh Grade Summer Reading

Welcome to Seventh Grade at Grace!

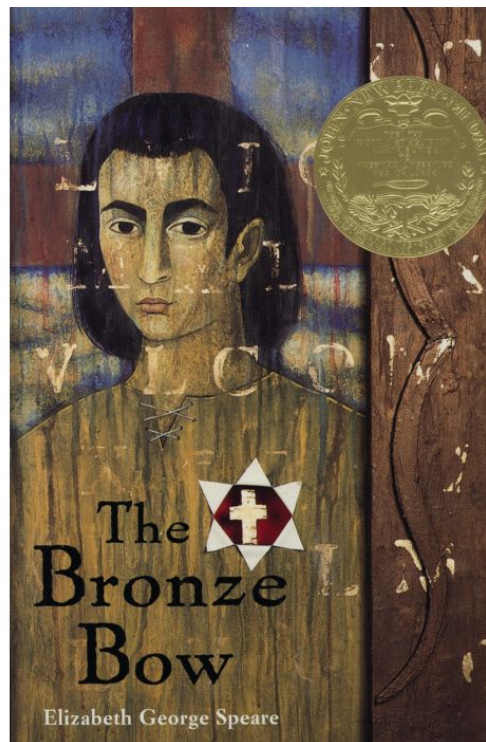
This year, incoming seventh graders are to read *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare. Complete the attached assignment and bring it with you on the first day of school. The book has been handed out to students who were present on the last day of school. You may purchase the book or borrow it from your library.

If you need another copy of the assignment you can find it at:  
[jhwolfanger.com/summer-reading1](http://jhwolfanger.com/summer-reading1)

If you are participating in the summer reading challenge, you may certainly include this book towards your goal, but even if you do not participate in the reading challenge, this is a mandatory assignment for seventh grade English class and will receive a grade.

I look forward to working with you next year.

Ms. Wolfanger





Due Date:  
First day of school

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer Reading**  
**The Bronze Bow**  
by Elizabeth George Speare

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Why does Daniel hate the Romans? A) They crucified his father and uncle. B) They destroyed his grandmother's house. C) They abducted his sister. D) They burned his village.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Why did Daniel run away from Ketzah? A) His girlfriend married another man. B) He threw stones at Roman soldiers and they were looking for him. C) His grandmother threw him out of the house. D) His master beat him every day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. What political conflict is going on at the time of this story? A) conflict between youth and their elders. B) conflict between Jews and Romans. C) conflict between the villagers and the farmers. D) conflict between the rich and the poor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Why does Daniel feel ashamed when Simon tells him Amalek is dead and Daniel can return to the village? A) He does not really want to go to see his grandmother and sister. B) He does not know how to ask Rosh if he can leave. C) He never tried to let anyone know he was all right. D) He has no good clothes to wear back to the village.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Why do the two men from the village stop Daniel from cursing the Roman soldiers when they walk by? A) They don't want the soldiers to find out about Rosh. B) They are not yet ready to attack the Roman army. C) If the soldiers get angry, they might destroy the village. D) The men are Roman citizens themselves.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. What is Daniel's complaint about his countrymen? A) They have no ambition. B) They are just like the Romans. C) They are always talking but never acting. D) They don't see anything wrong with the Romans.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Does hearing Jesus speak for the first time have any affect on Daniel? A) None whatsoever. B) Only for a brief moment. C) It changes his life. D) It makes him question Rosh.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Why does Hezron say the Jews of Capernaum should be grateful to the Romans? A) They post a guard around the synagogue. B) They built the beautiful synagogue there. C) They have converted to Judaism. D) They do not come to the city very often.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. What mistake does Daniel make when the Roman asks for a drink? A) He forgets to bow. B) He refuses to do it. C) He offers the same water from which the horse has drunk. D) He spills the ware on the Roman's boot.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. What was Daniel's father trying to do when he was caught and executed? A) get Daniel's uncle out of jail B) form an army to fight the Romans B) helping people avoid paying their taxes D) putting poison in the Romans' wine.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. How did Daniel's mother die? A) She spent three days and nights in the cold at his father's grave and got sick. B) She hanged herself. C) She went on a hunger strike and died. D) A Roman soldier ran her through with a spear.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. After Daniel returns to the mountain, what does Rosh demand of Daniel? A) He is to sell Rosh his sister Leah. B) He is to rob an old man of his gold. C) He is to survive forty days in the desert. D) He is to kill Samson.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Of what does Rosh accuse Daniel? A) being too arrogant B) not really wanting to drive the Romans out of the country C) trying to steal from the other men on the mountain D) having a weak character
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Why does Daniel return to Ketzah? A) Leah has run away. B) His grandmother's house has burned to the ground. C) His grandmother is dying. D) Rosh drives him off the mountain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. What does Simon suggest after Daniel returns? A) Daniel should take over Simon's blacksmith shop in Ketzah. B) Daniel should come with him to follow the carpenter. C) Daniel should hire someone to take care of Leah. D) Daniel should get a job as a tax collector.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. At first, what does Daniel think about how his life is being planned out? He thinks that his luck has turned for the better. B) He thinks that now he can live like Joel and Thacia. C) He thinks that now people will listen to him. D) He thinks people are planning his life for him and he has no say in it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. What is Rosh's reaction when Daniel tells him he will now stay in the village? A) He asks if Daniel's worthless sister is more important than his countrymen. B) He tells Daniel to take Samson with him for protection. C) He gives Daniel money for all the work Daniel has done for him. D) He laughs and says he will help him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. How does Malthace surprise Daniel? A) She takes Leah and disappears. B) She makes a bit for the Roman soldier's horse. C) She sits and chats with Leah. D) She teaches Leah how to weave.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Why does Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, come to see Jesus? A) His daughter is sick and he wants Jesus to heal her. B) He wants to identify Jesus so he can have him arrested. C) He wants to hear and see for himself what everyone is talking about. D) He wants to have Jesus tried as a blasphemer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. When Daniel is called to the cave by Rosh, what is Daniel's great disappointment? A) Rosh wants Daniel to sit and guard the cave. B) Rosh's first assignment goes to Joel and not to Daniel. C) Samson has run away. D) Rosh tells Daniel that he does not trust him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. What confuses Daniel's thinking after the robberies? A) He observes that there are large armies already on the mountain. B) He feels that simple robberies were not meaningful. C) He wonders why Rosh is acting now. D) He thinks Joel should get more credit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. What news does Thacia bring Daniel following the robberies? A) Joel has been caught and will be crucified. B) Joel has been arrested and will be taken east. C) Joel has been seriously wounded and lies dying in a Roman garrison. D) Joel has been killed trying to break into a house.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. What is Rosh's reaction to the news of Joel's situation? A) He says he cannot spare men to rescue Joel. B) He calls a meeting to decide what to do. C) He tells Daniel not to worry about it. D) He says that they will rescue Joel in three days.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. When Rosh accuses Daniel of weakness, what does Daniel do? A) He strikes Rosh in the face. B) He leaves the mountain and makes plans to rescue Joel with his band. C) He begs Rosh to reconsider. D) He goes to find Samson to help him convince Rosh.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. How did Nathan die? A) He fell on his own sword. B) He was accidentally killed by Samson. C) He was killed while pulling Daniel up from the path. D) He lost his footing and fell right into a group of Romans.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. What words of Jesus does Daniel keep thinking about? A) Time and tide wait for no man.  
B) Those who live by the sword will perish by the sword. C) Love your neighbor as yourself.  
D) The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. When Joel suggests that he might go live on the mountain, what does Daniel tell him? A) That Joel could take the place of Joktan. B) That living on the mountain would be good for Joel.  
C) That Rosh is no longer worthy of being their leader. D) That Joel could read the scrolls to the men.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. Why does Daniel now reject Rosh? A) Daniel believes Rosh is acting too quickly and the Romans will overpower him. B) Daniel is angry because Rosh thinks he is weak. C) Daniel believes Rosh is robbing their own people and getting weaker instead of stronger. D) Daniel believes Rosh is taking too long to train an army.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. What does Daniel decide he must do for Jesus? A) He must change his feelings about the Romans. B) He must go and warn him. C) He must get him completely out of his mind. D) He must persuade him to take over his army of boys.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. When Daniel meets up with Jesus, what does Daniel tell him? A) That he wants to hear Jesus call for an army B) How he and his friends rescued Joel C) That Simon the Zealot is his friend D) His complete story
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. What philosophy does Jesus compare to Daniel's hate of the Romans? A) An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth B) Love your neighbor and hate your enemies. C) Let not your left hand know what your right hand is doing. D) Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. How does Jesus say Daniel can show his love for Samson? A) Find the man who threw the spear and kill him. B) Wait until the army is organized and join up. C) Love his sister the same way Samson loved him. D) Samson gave his life and Daniel must learn to love like that.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. When Jesus invites Daniel to follow him, how does Daniel react? A) He wants to know what military rank he'll be given. B) He is excited and wants to go immediately. C) He thinks it's a bad idea. D) He tells Jesus he can't because of Leah.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34. Why does Daniel walk away and not follow Jesus? A) Jesus wants him to collect taxes. B) Jesus asks him to give up his hate. C) Jesus wants too much money. D) Jesus wants him to learn how to fish.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35. What does Malthace tell Daniel about his vow? A) He was too young to make that vow. B) There are other ways besides hate to fulfill the vow. C) He is not a law-abiding Jew anyway, so his vow doesn't count. D) He is stupid to believe in vows.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 36. Why does Daniel become so angry with Leah? A) Because she will not make his supper B) Because she hates Joel C) Because she has been talking with a Roman soldier D) Because she goes outside when he's not there
- \_\_\_\_\_ 37. What does Simon say keeps people from happiness and fulfillment? A) time and tide B) fear and hate C) work and play D) poverty and disease
- \_\_\_\_\_ 38. What finally shows the reader that Daniel has found peace? A) He sees Malthace wearing the bronze bow broach. B) He allows Marcus to see Leah. C) He tells everyone in the village about what he Jesus do. D) He goes to the synagogue to pray.

Identify each speaker.

39. "We've been having a lovely visit. Leah has been showing me her vegetables. The time has gone fast. We had so much to talk about."  
A) Marcus                      B) Joel                              C) Simon                              D) Malthace
40. "Oh, Daniel – how silly! He is only a boy, not half so big and strong as you. And he is homesick."  
A) Malthace speaking about Joel                              B) Leah speaking about Marcus  
C) Joel speaking about Marcus                              D) Hezron speaking about Nathan
41. Joel, you don't have to do this. Rosh has no right to order you.... I'm a nobody. You have your future to think of, and your father and mother – and Thacia."  
A) Rosh                              B) Daniel                              C) Nathan                              D) Leah
42. "I'll do anything, Daniel. You know that – anything! What does Rosh want? I'll get it, whatever it is!"  
A) Joel                              B) Hezron                              C) Simon                              D) Samson
43. "How can a man who is sworn to vengeance and death take a wife?"  
A) Malthace                              B) Daniel                              C) Joel                              D) Hezron
44. "I've warned you before, there's a soft streak in you. Till you get rid of it you're no good to the cause."  
A) Simon                              B) Jesus                              C) Nathan                              D) Rosh
45. "I can't stay at home. Father is terrified to let me go out the door. I knew he was making some plan.... I (am) to go to Jerusalem...."  
A) Joel                              B) Malthace                              C) Leah                              D) Daniel
46. "On this mountain every man is responsible for himself. That holds for Joel."  
A) Daniel                              B) Joktan                              C) Rosh                              D) Samson
47. "Rosh is no longer our leader... we've been going in the wrong direction. Attacking people, especially our own people, isn't going to bring the day any closer. We haven't weakened Rome at all. We've only weakened ourselves instead."  
A) Simon                              B) Daniel                              C) Joel                              D) Malthace
48. (I live for) "Just one thing. Freedom for my people. And vengeance for my father's death."  
A) Daniel                              B) Leah                              C) Marcus                              D) Nathan
49. "Riches are not keeping you from the kingdom. You must give up your hate."  
A) Simon                              B) the grandmother                              C) Jesus                              D) Malthace
50. "You hate me. I understand your hate. I am German. My people were conquered by Rome. All of my tribe are fighters. At the end of my term I will be a Roman citizen."  
A) Hezron                              B) Marcus                              C) Amalek                              D) Rosh