

8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment 2023

Students will be reading *Bonhoeffer: Student Edition: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*.

Below is a link where the book can be purchased. While reading, students are responsible for annotating. Once students have finished reading, they will work on **two** different assignments. The assignments should be typed and printed. Both assignments will be due Monday, August 14, 2023.

[Bonhoeffer" Student Edition: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy](#)

1. Write a letter to a friend telling them about *Bonhoeffer: Student Edition: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*.

The first paragraph should be a friendly introduction, in which you greet your friend and mention the novel you just read. (7-8 sentences)

The second paragraph should summarize what you read. (7-8 sentences)

The third paragraph should explain your thoughts on Bonhoeffer's actions, and impact. Make sure to paraphrase and include specific details from the novel. (7-8 sentences)

In the last paragraph, you will explain to your friend why we should be concerned about issues happening to those around us. Share your thoughts on how someone in another country affects you— in America, in my personal life – in any way. (7-8 sentences)

2. After reading "First They Came," explain the effects of following the crowd. Do you think the narrator failed to speak up because others did not? Compare and contrast the attitude of the speaker in the poem and the choices Bonhoeffer made during this time period.

Requirements:

At least one typed page

Double-spaced

12 font

Times new roman

Example:

Name:

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First They Came...

By Martin Niemöller
1950

Martin Niemöller (1892-1984) was a German anti-Nazi activist and Lutheran pastor. Niemöller initially supported Hitler, but he soon came to strongly oppose the Nazi party. From 1937-1945, Niemöller was imprisoned in two concentration camps and narrowly escaped execution. The following quotation was made by Niemöller and published in 1950. As you read, take notes on the author's use of repetition.

- [1] First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out — Because I was not a Socialist.¹
Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out — Because I was not a Trade Unionist.²
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out — Because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me — and there was no one left to speak for me.



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