



Summer Reading Assignment  
11th and 12th Grade Discovery School  
American Literature

Please read this page carefully. If you have questions, please email Mrs. Newman at [marynewman@calvaryknights.com](mailto:marynewman@calvaryknights.com)

This assignment is a test grade and is **due by August 18, 2023**. Your teacher on the first day of school will give you instructions on how to turn in this work.

Welcome to American Literature! This year we will be reading a number of works from around the world. This summer you will be reading the book: Gifted Hands By Ben Carson

**Please do not purchase the young readers edition, I need you to read the full novel.**

- After reading the novel, choose two (2) of the following questions and answer each question completely in paragraph form.
- Use quotes from the book and examples to back up your answers.
- Your answers for each question should be at least two paragraphs long.

Questions (Choose 2 to answer)

1. Would you have had the bravery that Ben Carson exhibited to overcome his anger issues?
2. Talk about the role of Ben Carson's parents, especially his mother.
3. How does Ben Carson describe being a neurosurgeon? What type of skills does a good surgeon need?

4. Describe how faith is an important aspect of Ben Carson's life? What does he do daily? How did he raise his children? Do you believe his walk with God influenced his success as a surgeon?

5. Describe Ben Carson's childhood. What difficulties did he face? How did he overcome them?

6. Ben Carson grew up in poverty. How did he overcome his educational challenges and become a successful doctor?