Students are required to read **TWO** books during the summer break. Note that there is one required book, *The Bronze Bow*, and a second book chosen from the list at the end of this PowerPoint. Students are required to purchase a paper copy of *The Bronze Bow* and bring it to class on the second day of school.

This PowerPoint will introduce the story.
Assignment

Assignment: Authors use different characters to create a believable moving plot. You will make a chart comparing Daniel and Joel. You will also make a list of accomplishments Leah made as the story progresses. There are examples of these assignments at the end of this PowerPoint.
The Bronze Bow

A Historical Fiction Novel

By

By: Elizabeth George Speare
Elizabeth George Speare was an American writer who won many awards for her historical novels.

- Born: November 21, 1908
- Died: November 15, 1994
- Awards:
  - 1959 Newbery Award for *The Witch for Black Bird Pond*
  - 1962 Newbery Award for *The Bronze Bow*
The Bronze Bow is a historical fiction book about a boy named Daniel who is consumed with anger for the Romans.

When the Romans invaded his homeland of Galilee, they killed Daniel’s parents.

Daniel joins a man named Rosh, thinking he is perhaps the leader or Messiah who will drive the Romans out of the Jewish land.

Will Daniel ever learn the lesson of forgiveness?
Setting: The story takes place during the life of Christ in Palestine – what we now call Israel or the Holy Land.

Historical Fiction
- Setting - our world
- Characters – may or may not be people who really lived
- Action – could have happened but not a true story
Vocabulary & Terms
Judaic words

- Zealot – among ancient Jews, a member of a radical group who openly resisted Roman rule in Palestine (Israel)
- Mezuzah – container attached to the doorpost of the home that contained a paper with scripture written on it
- Phylacteries – leather case containing scripture that was fastened to the forehead or arm of Jewish men during morning prayer time
- Tallith – prayer shawl worn by men during morning prayer
- Bar – son of (Daniel bar Jamin means Daniel son of Jamin)
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<td>Young boy who was a Galilean slave, he ran away and lived in the mountains with the outlaw zealots</td>
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<td>Joel</td>
<td>Boy who Daniel went to the synagogue school with, studying to be a rabbi</td>
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<td>Malthace</td>
<td>Joel's sister</td>
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<td>Leah</td>
<td>Daniel's sister, never leaves her house</td>
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<td>Rosh</td>
<td>Leader of the outlaws living in the mountain who Daniel stays with, rebelling against the Romans</td>
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<td>Amalek</td>
<td>Blacksmith slave owner, was Daniel's master, very cruel to the boys who worked under him</td>
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<td>Nathan</td>
<td>First to join Daniel's group of boys, also the first to die</td>
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<td>Samson</td>
<td>Giant slave who Rosh and Daniel freed from the Roman guards</td>
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<td>Simon</td>
<td>Friend of Daniel's, was bound to Amalek as well. Followed Jesus closely</td>
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ASSIGNMENT
- see examples on the next slide and add to the lists -

0 Purchase a **paper copy** of the book. Bring the book to school with you on the second day of class.

1. Using a **T–Chart** keep a comparison of Joel and Daniel.
2. You will read how Leah is very fearful. Make a **list** of her accomplishments and the ways Thacia and Daniel helped her work through these fears.
Assignment Examples

Leah’s Accomplishments

1. Leah is able to communicate with Daniel by placing her hand on his.
2. Leah eventually goes outside.
3. Daniel builds a litter to transport Leah to a new home.
4. Continue the list as you read.

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<td>Barefoot &amp; dressed poorly</td>
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Purchase a paper copy of *The Bronze Bow*

Bring two separate sheets of paper to class
- A chart like the example comparing Daniel and Joel (Add to the list I started for you.)
- A list of Leah’s accomplishments (Add to the list I started for you.)

You can keep your assignments saved on your home computer so they will be easy to find. **Typed assignments are encouraged**

**A test on the novel will be given on 8th full day of school.**
Choose ONE from the following eight books:

**Cheaper by the Dozen** by Ernestine Gilbreth

The biography of the Gilbreth family, in Nineteenth Century America, whose father, a time management expert, died. In order to make ends meet, their mother went to work in their father’s stead – unheard of in that time.

**Good Bye Mr. Chips** by James Hilton

In 1870 Charles Edward Chipping is engaged as the new Latin master at Brookfield School where he leads a rather lackluster life. Then his friend Staefel persuades Chipping to accompany him on a walking tour of the Alps where he encounters Katherine Bridges, with whom he falls in love.

**Hounds of the Baskervilles** by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The dramatic death of Sir Charles Baskerville brings Sherlock Holmes to the lonely, mysterious Devon moors to investigate the mystery. He is asked to investigate the tale of a hound that haunts the moors around the Baskervilles’ ancestral home.
The Call of the Wild by Jack London
Buck is a dog born to luxury, but his life changes dramatically when he is sold to be a sled dog in the Yukon Territory. First published in 1903, this masterpiece of adventure and survival continues to enthrall readers almost a century later.

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
As the only passenger, and the only female, on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, thirteen-year-old Charlotte finds herself caught between a murderous captain and a mutinous crew.

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle
Thirteen-year-old Meg Murry, her little brother Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin are guided by unearthly strangers as they go on a journey through space and time to search for Meg’s and Charles’ scientist father who disappeared while experimenting with a new form of space travel.

Martin Luther by Mike Fearon
Another one-evening biography from the Men of Faith series. During the more than 400 years since the death of Martin Luther, more books have been written about him than any other figure in history, with the exception of Jesus. A Catholic priest, who became a professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg, Luther's discovery that salvation is received by faith alone, as a gift of God, transformed his life--and the world.

In The Presence of My Enemies by Gracia Burnam
This is the story of Gracia and her husband, Martin Burnham, who were New Tribes Missionaries captured by Abu Sayyaf - a group of Islamic Terrorists associated with Osama Bin Laden - in the Philippines in May 2001.