



SLI Reading Program Book Review Instructions

An SLI student must read at least one book and write a review of that book to be eligible to move from Level II to Level III. Two book reviews are required to progress from Level III to Level IV. The book selections listed below are “pre-approved,” but a student may also apply to the Director of SLI for approval of another book. The primary emphasis of these books is to encourage critical thinking on various issues as well as to encourage students to prepare themselves to make a difference in the world for Christ.

Book Review Instructions

Once a book is completed, please submit a book review to the Director of SLI in the Guidance Office Suite. Book reviews must be typed, one-half to one full page of 12 font, single-spaced text. Include the following:

- Student Name
- Date
- SLI Level
- Title of Book
- Author
- Number of Pages in Book
- Responses to the following inquiries:
 1. What is the essential point of the author? What primary point(s) is the author looking for you, as the reader, to walk away with from this book?
 2. What are the 2-3 primary arguments which the author uses to justify or defend this primary point?
 3. What 2-3 things can you personally take away to apply to your own walk? How has this book challenged your thinking or changed your perspective on an issue?

"Pre-Approved" Reading List

General Leadership

- Transforming Leadership: Jesus' Way of Creating Vision, Shaping Values and Empowering Change*, Leighton Ford, 293 pages.
Fired Up or Burned Out: How to Reignite Your Team's Passion, Creativity, and Productivity, Michael Lee Stallard, 222 pages.
Spurgeon on Leadership: Key Insights for Christian Leaders from the Prince of Preachers, Larry J. Michael, 218 pages.
Kingdom Education: God's Plan for Educating Future Generations, Dr. Glen Schultz, 146 pages.
The Pillars of Leadership, David J. Vaughan, 179 pages.
Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity, Nancy R. Pearcey, 396 pages.
Spiritual Leadership: Moving People on to God's Agenda, Henry and Richard Blackaby, 288 pages.
Serious Times: Making Your Life Matter in an Urgent Day, James Every White, 162 pages.
7 Moments... That Define Excellent Leaders, Lee J. Colan, 131 pages.
The Secret: What Great Leaders Know—And Do, Ken Blanchard and Mark Miller, 121 pages.
Eat Mor Chikin, Inspire More People: Doing Business the Chick-fil-A Way, S. Truett Cathy, 200 pages.
Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business, Neil Postman, 163 pages.
Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer, J. Oswald Sanders, 179 pages.
A Man of God: Essential Priorities for Every Man's Life, Dr. Jack Graham, 211 pages.
The Search for Satisfaction: Looking for Something New Under the Sun, David H. McKinley, 154 pages.
Character Counts: Leadership Qualities in Washington, Wilberforce, Lincoln, and Solzhenitsyn, edited by Os Guinness, 160 pages.
How Now Shall We Live? Chuck Colson with Nancy Pearcey, 491 pages.
Growing Up Christian: Have You Taken Ownership of Your Relationship with God? Karl Graustein with Mark Jacobsen, 235 pages.
Beyond Belief to Convictions: What You Need to Know to Help Youth Stand Strong in the Face of Today's Culture, Josh McDowell and Bob Hostetler, 322 pages.
Right from Wrong: What You Need to Know to Help Youth Make Right Choices, Josh McDowell with Bob Hostetler, 353 pages.
The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth am I Here For? Rick Warren, 334 pages.
The Ultimate Gift, Jim Stovall, 154 pages.

Module- Related Suggestions

- A Christian Manifesto*, Francis A. Schaeffer, 138 pages.
The Abolition of Man, C. S. Lewis, 113 pages.
Relativism: Feet Firmly Planted in Mid-Air, Francis J. Beckwith and Gregory Kouhl, 188 pages.
Has Democracy Had Its Day? Carl F. H. Henry, 63 pages.
Do Fish Know They're Wet? Living in Your World—Without Getting Hooked, Tom Neven, 167 pages.
Engaging God's World: A Christian Vision of Faith, Learning, and Living, Cornelius Plantinga, Jr., 150 pages.
In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day: How to Survive and Thrive When Opportunity Roars, Mark Batterson, 194 pages.
Roaring Lambs, Bob Briner, 208 pages.
Addicted to Mediocrity: 20th Century Christians and the Arts, Franky Schaeffer, 214 pages.
The Hollywood Project: A Look Into the Minds of the Makers of Spiritually Relevant Films, Alex Field, 192 pages.
Behind the Screen: Hollywood Insiders on Faith, Film, and Culture, Spencer Lewerenz (Editor), Barbara Nicolosi (Editor)
The Servant Leader: Transforming Your Heart, Head, Hands, and Habits, Ken Blanchard, 128 pages.
The Next Generation Leader: Five Exentials for Those Who Will Shape the Future, Andy Stanley, 160 pages



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Request for Book to be Approved for Credit

Students may submit for review books not listed on the "Pre-Approved" Reading List. Requests will be reviewed, and students will be notified as soon as possible.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

No. of Pages: _____

I would like for this book to be considered for SLI credit because:
