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Dear Viking Parents and Students,

This summer, we are asking all students at Bishop Verot Catholic High School to read the same book - *Why Forgive?* - by *Johann Christoph Arnold*. In addition to reading *Why Forgive*, students, depending upon their English Class, will also be reading one or two other books. Please be sure you have read all of your assigned summer reading by the first day of school. All students will be tested on their summer reading books within the first ten days of school. In addition to doing your reading, we would like you to also write an essay, comparing and contrasting the two or three books you read for summer reading with one of your own experiences with forgiveness. If you have never written a comparison-contrast essay before, here are a few internet resources that may help you:

http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/docs/handouts/Organization_CompareContrast.pdf

<https://writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu/pages/how-write-comparative-analysis>

www.shmoop.com/video/compare-and-contrast

www.shmoop.com/video/what-not-to-do-in-an-introduction

www.shmoop.com/video/writing-a-killer-conclusion

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/713/02/>

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/02/>

Here is a link to a generic rubric that may help you understand how your teacher will grade your comparison-contrast essay. Please do not panic, we know you are writing this essay with very little instruction. Please simply do your best. We will reward you for what you do well. We want to see that you actually read the works and thought about them.

http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson275/compcn_rubric.pdf

If, for any reason, students or parents have a concern with the content of any of the books, please contact Mrs. Stacey Elmeer, English Department Chair.

Thank You for your support.

The Bishop Verot English Department