

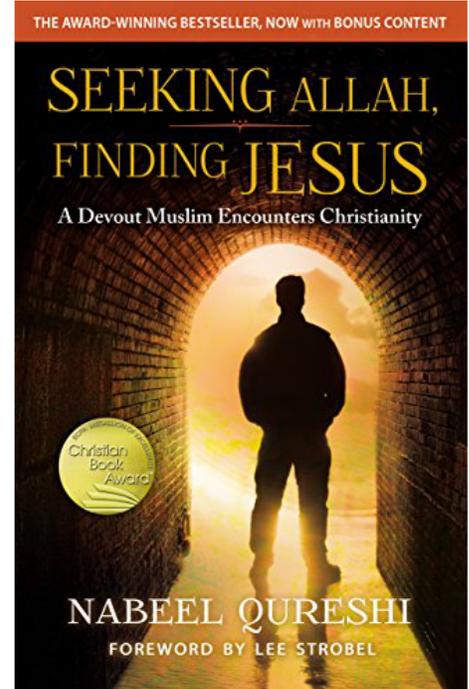
## ACA's 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi

### **About the Reading**

In a culture where elders are to be obeyed, not questioned, and where abandonment of one's religion can be punished by death, it is a significant challenge for a Muslim to walk away from his or her faith. Born in Pakistan and raised in America and the U.K., Qureshi outlines the long and often painful process that led him to do just that in *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*. Through years of debates, interactions with some of the most significant Christian apologists, and deep soul-searching, Qureshi begins to doubt everything he had ever believed about Islam. Written for all who have ever felt empty and purposeless, this utterly beautiful story of a devout Muslim's search to know Allah and his astonished discovery of Jesus beckons doubting readers to reconsider the claims of Christ.

### **Reading Assignment**

Read *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi and be prepared for the following assignment. You are not required to purchase your own copy so long as you are able to read the full text and take notes before the due date.



### **2-Part Writing Assignment**

#### Part 1: Bulleted Summaries

- You are required to submit a typed bulleted summary of the story divided into 11 sections (one for each section of the book plus the epilogue).
- Each section should have a minimum of 10 bullet points that summarize that section in your *own words*.
- Keep in mind that **these summaries will be checked for plagiarism** and will be compared against everything on the internet and any other submissions from other students that I receive.
- I would advise you to avoid “collaborating” with peers at all costs. Assignments with plagiarism will earn a 0%.

#### Part 2: Personal Reflection

- In a typed two-page essay, consider Qureshi's journey to Christ. Compare that to your own journey; you can be honest, as you will not be judged on your beliefs.
- You may write in first person to thoughtfully and carefully discuss the similarities and differences in your faith journeys. Forget the fact that he began his life in another religion; I guarantee that if you really read the book, you will find yourself relating to the story regardless of where your faith started.
- Remember, just because you are writing something personal **does not mean that you can write casually. This needs to be formal, well thought out, and carefully crafted.**
- Please adhere to proper MLA formatting (double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, etc.) and cite any quotes that you choose to use as evidence → Example: Qureshi writes, “All suffering is worth it to follow Jesus. He is that amazing” (Qureshi 82).

### **Due Date & Expectations**

You must finish reading the book and turn in your essay by the second day of school (Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>).

Your 2-part writing assignment is the *first* example of your work that I will see this school year. It needs to be a reflection of your work ethic and ability. In essence, you are writing to show me that you read, understood, and analyzed the book and the author's purpose.