2024 8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment
Chosen by Ted Dekker

Overview:

The first in the Lost Books series, a YA spin-off of the *New York Times* bestselling Circle series, *Chosen* sets four teens on a quest to save their world . . . and ours.
Think with your heart and prepare to die . . . for you have been Chosen.

Thomas Hunter, supreme commander of the Forest Guard, has seen a great evil decimate much of his beautiful world. With a dwindling army and an epic threat, Thomas is forced to supplement his fighters with new recruits ages 16 and 17. From thousands, four will be chosen to lead a special mission.

Unknown to Thomas, the chosen four are redirected to a different endgame. They must find the seven lost Books of History before the Dark One. For these seven books have immense power over the past, present, and future, controlling not only the destiny of their world . . . but that of ours as well.

Assignment:

Fantasy Elements

Chosen is a fantasy action/adventure story set in a world known as Other Earth. As you read, keep track of those elements of fantasy: creatures, natural forces, human conditions–anything that is not a part of the world we live in. Mark passages in your novel where these elements are introduced and explained.

Allegory Elements

Chosen is not only a fantasy novel, it is also largely a work of Allegory. An Allegory is a work of fiction that carries symbolic meaning beyond the story itself. Specifically, the symbolism in *Chosen* carries spiritual significance. Mark passages in the novel where the symbolism in the text carries an echo of Biblical teaching. Note the connection in the margins.

Mythology, Legend, and Lore
Mark passages that speak to the Mythology and Legends of Other Earth. What is the origin and history of this place?

Quotables
Mark short (1-2 sentence) passages that seem powerful or inspiring beyond the story. Hi-light/underline them, but also keep a list on one of the blank pages at the back of the novel.

Due: First Day of School