

**Tri-City Christian Academy High School Department**  
**Summer Reading Assignment**  
June, 2017

*When a true genius appears in this world, you may know him by this sign, that the dunces are all in confederacy against him.* —Jonathan Swift, “Thoughts on Various Subjects, Moral and Diverting”

TCCA students in the freshman and sophomore classes are required to read Jonathan Swift’s *Gulliver’s Travels* over the course of the summer recess.

This prose satire was written by Irish author and clergyman Jonathan Swift, and is both a parody of popular travel narratives and a critical commentary on contemporary England as well as mankind generally. As such, the characters symbolize elements of English society in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. This form enables the author to effectively achieve his purpose of sobering social commentary through an imaginative vehicle, therefore satisfying the dual purpose of good literature advancing both the aesthetic and instructive aspects of the exercise.

For assessment purposes, the instructor will either administer a written examination on the book or alternatively dedicate the first two classes of the school year to an in-class discussion of it.

Should you have any questions or concerns respecting the above assignment, I can be reached at either [jcorreia@tcca-nh.com](mailto:jcorreia@tcca-nh.com) or on my mobile device, #603-692-8364.

May God grant you a productively refreshing and safe summer recess!

In Christ’s service I respectfully remain,

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