

Grade Eight: Religion
Course: Church History
Text: *The Bronze Bow*
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In selecting *The Bronze Bow* for your Summer Reading, the Religion Department chose a story set in the time of the Roman occupation of the Holy Land, when Jesus was teaching. In a sense, the political situation faced by the young men and women could be translated into the struggles of our Human Family in our own century. Certainly the coming to grips with the Presence and Teaching of Jesus is put forward as a challenge in soulful decision-making for persons in any time and place.

Main Characters

Daniel

Joel

Malthace

Rosh

Samson

Marcus

Leah

Character Reflections

What motivates Daniel at the beginning of the novel?

How does Daniel view Rosh?

How is Jesus' message different than Rosh's message?

How does Joel view Samson, how does this view change as the novel continues?

Summary Questions

What do the zealots desire at this time period?

Why or why not would the Jewish people be open to Jesus' message?

Does Jesus' message connect to non Jewish people, why or why not?