

Incoming 5th Grade SUMMER READING

Overview: For this optional assignment, students read and complete a project option on **ONE** book. This can either be a fiction novel from the list provided, a nonfiction option from the list provided or a different book of your choosing (*it is recommended that you email your current Reading teacher if you choose a book not on the list just to make sure it is acceptable*). On the first day back to school you will need to bring you completed project.

Fiction Assignments Options

Assignment Option One: Students will choose one book and complete a reading journal of **three** entries.

Choose a different question to answer for each entry:

- What is the main message or lesson (theme) the author is trying to teach you about life in this book?
- Describe the sequence of events of the story (plot) from beginning to end.
- Do you see any foreshadowing and what do you think will happen based on the foreshadowing?
- Give an example of a dynamic character (a character who changes throughout the story, for example a character may become more mature, learn responsibility, etc.) and describe how they have changed.
- What is the main setting (time and place where the story takes place) of the book, and why do you think the author chose to use this setting?
- How do you connect to this book (does it remind you of another story, your own life, or something that has or is happening in the world)?

*Journal entries can be typed or handwritten. Entries should be kept in a folder.

Assignment Option Two: Create a powerpoint, prezi, or website. The presentation should identify the following:

- Protagonist (main character)
- Antagonist (person who causes problems for the main character)
- Setting (time and place where the story takes place)
- Plot line (sequence of events)
- Theme (message or lesson the author is trying to teach about life)

*Print and turn in your project on the first day of school.

Nonfiction Assignments Options

Assignment Option One: Create Diary Entries. If the subject of your biography or memoir had kept a diary, what do you think he or she would have written about? Put yourself in the person's shoes for this assignment.

Choose **three** important events from the person's life and write a one-page diary entry about each.

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Assignment Option Two: After you finish your nonfiction book, you'll make up a test about it. Your test should include a few different sections, such as true/false, multiple choice, matching, and fill in the blank questions (minimum 10 questions). Include an answer key.

*Tests can be typed or handwritten.

***CLASSIC LITERARY NOVEL OPTIONS LIST**

A Single Shard Linda Sue Park

A Wrinkle in Time Madeleine L'Engle

Call of the Wild Jack London

The Dark is Rising Susan Cooper

Dragonwings Laurence Yep

Ender's Game Orson Scott Card

Hope Was Here Joan Bauer

Inherit the Wind Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee
Johnny Tremain Esther Forbes
Man's Search for Meaning Viktor E. Frankl
Little Women Louisa May Alcott
The Magician's Nephew C.S. Lewis
Milkweed Jerry Spinelli
The Miracle Worker William Gibson
The Pearl John Steinbeck
The Revealers Doug Wilhelm
Silas Marner George Elliot
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry Mildred Taylor
Surviving the Applewhites Stephanie S. Tolan
Tangerine Edward Bloor
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle Avi
Turnabout Margaret Peterson Haddix
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea Jules Verne
The Westing Game Ellen Raskin
The Phantom Tollbooth Norton Juster
The Secret Garden Frances Hodgson Burnett
Island of the Blue Dolphins Scott O'Dell
Number the Stars Lois Lowry
Stuart Little E.B. White
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe C.S. Lewis
The Book Thief Markus Zusak

***NONFICTION OPTIONS LIST**

Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem Rosalyn Shanzer
Chasing Lincoln's Killer James L. Swanson
Hope Unseen: The Story of the U.S. Army's First Blind Active-Duty Officer Scotty Smiley and Doug Crandall
We Are Americans: Undocumented Students Pursuing the American Dream William Pérez
Never a City So Real: A Walk in Chicago Alex Kotlowitz
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings Maya Angelou
Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream Tanya Lee Stone
Blizzard: The Storm That Changed America Jim Murphy
Cake Wrecks: When Professional Cakes Go Hilariously Wrong Jen Yates
The Dark Game: True Spy Stories Paul B. Janeczko
The Duel: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton & Aaron Burr Judith St. George
Game Day: Meet the People Who Make it Happen Kevin Sylvester
Grayson Lynne Cox
The Greatest: Muhammad Ali Walter Dean Myers
The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe Loree Griffin Burns
Houdini: The Handcuff King Jason Lutes & Nick Bertozzi
Lewis & Clark Nick Bertozzi
Martha Graham, A Dancer's Life Russell Freedman
Revenge of the Whale: The True Story of the Whaleship Essex Nathaniel Philbrick
Smile Raina Telgemeier
Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board Bethany