

2009

Summer Reading

Middle School Assignments

Students will choose **one** book to read over the summer and **one** to read in September. All assignments are due by **September 25, 2009**. The total score for all three completed assignments (log, project activity, and writing assignment) will represent the equivalence of a quiz grade for the quarter one midterm report.

Assignments:

- I. **Reading Log** - All students will complete the attached Reader's Log of time spent reading both books and have it signed by a parent.
- II. **Project Activity** – All students will choose **one** activity, from the attached Summer Reading Project activities page, to show comprehension of one of the books read.
- III. **Classroom Assignment**- Upon returning to school, each student will be responsible for presenting the above activity in class. In September, students will be given a written assignment in which he/she will compare and contrast the two books read from over the summer and during the month of September.
 - See attached scoring rubric for the project activity

In order for your child to feel prepared the first month of school, it is important that he/she reads a novel and completes the project activity over the summer break.

Summer Reading Project Activities

Power Point - Prepare a power point presentation with **ten** slides about the following:

Characters	Character traits
Setting	Theme
Conflict	Resolution
Plot	

If Possible, include biographical information about the author.

Letter to the author - Create a **5 paragraph** letter to the author of the book you read explaining your opinion on a theme, the characters and the setting (including time period) of the book. Be sure to include what this book taught you.

Children's storybook - Write a children's storybook based on the book you read complete with illustrations or computer graphics. Choose **four or five** of the most important scenes and retell the story in simple language.

Variations: Create a pop-up book or flap book where the flaps open to reveal hidden pictures beneath.

Board game - Design a board game based on the characters and events of the book you read. Include detailed instructions, a board and playing pieces. The game may be based on a game you already know and enjoy. Players of the game should learn what happened in the book by playing the game.

Nonfiction: Create a game designed to teach the most important information you learned from your book.

Journal Entries - Pretend you are a character in the book. Write **five** journal entries that the character might have written as reflections to the events in the story. In your entries, describe a conflict in the book, the resolution of the conflict and the character for whom you have chosen to write.

News Story - Write a front -page (**3-5 paragraph**) news story about an important incident from your book. Remember to answer: WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WHY? HOW? Draw a picture with a caption underneath to accompany your story.

Mask/Puppet - Create a three-dimensional mask or puppet that represents the physical and emotional features of the book's main character. Write a **one paragraph** summary explaining your mask or puppet representation.

Comic Strip- Draw an **eight** panel (or longer) comic strip to summarize the events of your book. Remember that a comic strip does not have to be humorous; the tone of the strip should be appropriate to the tone of the book.

Nonfiction: Draw a comic strip designed to teach something you learned from your book. Make sure it clearly conveys the info.

Mobile- Using a variety of materials, create **six** symbols (or more) which represent the novel's main characters and plot. Display the symbols on a coat hanger. You must provide a brief explanation of how each symbol represents the book you read.

Scoring Rubric for Book Report Project

Category	10	8	6	2
Required Tasks	All requirements for book report choice are met	One requirement is missing from book report choice	2-3 requirements are missing from book report choice	3 or more requirements are missing from book report choice
Content	Summary consists of a discussion of the major themes, characters and details of the plot from beginning to end of what was read. The summary is written using your own words.	Summary is missing one of the major elements (theme, characters, details, plot)The summary is written using your own words.	Summary is missing two or more of the major elements (theme, characters, details, plot). The summary is written using your own words.	Summary is mostly an outline of the book and does not discuss themes or major ideas of the novel. The summary is not written in your own words.
Organization	Structure of the paper flows and is easily read because of smooth transitions from paragraph to paragraph. The sequence of topics is in logical order. There is a clear cut introduction, body and conclusion.	Structure of the paper flows and is easily read, but 1 or 2 transitions may be faulty or missing. There is some illogical order in sequence of topics. There is a clear cut introduction, body and conclusion.	Structure of the paper does NOT follow logical order. The writing or ideas may "jump" around; it is not cohesive. There is not a clear introduction, or conclusion.	Structure of the paper does NOT follow logical order. There are no transitional phrases that make it easy to read the paper...OR... review is just a copying of the original novel.
Appearance	Project demonstrates quality and effort in appearance. All writing is typed or neatly written.	Project demonstrates average effort in appearance. Some writing is neatly written.	Project demonstrates some effort in appearance. The writing is difficult to read.	Project demonstrates little or no effort in appearance. Unable to read any written work
Conventions or Writing mechanics	Uses complete sentences and a variety of sentence types. 0-2 spelling errors	Uses complete sentences and a variety of sentence types. 3-5 spelling errors	There are 1-2 incomplete sentences or fragments. There are also run-on sentences.	There are more than 2 incomplete sentences or fragments. There are more than 2 run-ons.
			6-8 spelling errors	Over 9 spelling

Winnisquam Regional Middle School
 Summer Reading List
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Lexile	Title	Author
Below 400	380 The Upstairs Room	Reiss
400-500	440 The Pen Is Mightier Than The Sword	Mazur
	460 Look Before You Leap-Abby Hayes #5	Mazur
501-600	560 Spiderwick Chronicles - The Seeing Stone	Black & DiTerlizzi
	560 Sarah, Plain and Tall	MacLachlan
	570 Spiderwick Chronicles - Lucinda's Secret	Black & DiTerlizzi
	570 Crazy Lady	Conly
	580 Fever 1793	Shearer
	590 Charlie Bone and the TimeTwister	Nimmo
	590 Fairest	Gail Carson Levine
	600 Spiderwick Chronicles - The Field Guide	Black & DiTerlizzi
601-700	610 Because of Winn-Dixie	DiCamillo
	610 Artemis Fowl - The Arctic Incident	Colfer
	620 The Computer Nut	Byars
	620 Swear to Howdy	Van Draanan
	630 Midnight for Charlie Bone	Nimmo
	630 Homecoming	Voight
	640 The Hot and Cold Summer	Hurwitz
	650 Among the Barons	Haddix
	650 The Ironwood Tree - Spiderwick #4	Black & DiTerlizzi
	650 Loser	Spinelli
	660 Sahara Special	Codell
	660 Holes	Sachar
	660 Face on The Milk Carton	Cooney
	670 Number The Stars	Lowry
	670 The Barn	Avi
	670 Number The Stars	Lowry
	680 Charlotte's Web	White
	680 Tangerine	Bloof
	700 Where The Red Fern Grows	Rawls
	700 Anastasia Krupnik	Lowry
	700 Anastasia Again!	Lowry
	700 The Report Card	Clements
	700 Hattie Big Sky	Kirby Larson
701-800	710 Eragon	Paolini
	710 Dacey's Song	Voight
	720 Ida Early Comes Over The Mountain	Burch
	720 Charlie Bone and the Invisible Boy	Nimmo
	720 The Maze	Hobbs
	730 The Cybil War	Byars

730 Jack Adrift - Fourth Grade Without a Clue	Gantos
740 Gentle Ben	Morey
740 A Gift of Magic	Duncan
740 Soup	Peck
740 Soup's Hoop	Peck
740 Jack on Tracks	Gantos
740 Wrinkle in Time	L'Engle
750 The Trumpet of The Swan	White
750 Miracles on Maple Hill	Sorenson
750 Soup and Me	Peck
750 The Yearling	Rawlings
750 Among the Brave	Haddix
750 Both Sides of Time	Cooney
750 The Westing Game	Raskin
760 The Giver	Lowry
760 The School Story	Clements
760 The Black Cauldron	Alexander
770 The Sign of The Beaver	Speare
770 The Janitor's Boy	Clements
770 Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism	Byng
770 My Brother Sam is Dead	Collier
770 Lord of The Flies	Golding
780 Quentin Corn	Stolz
780 Jane Eyre	Bronte
790 Zia	O'Dell
790 The Green Glass Sea	Elen Klages
800 Redwall	Jacques
800 The Great Gilly Hopkins	Paterson
800 The Fledgling	Langton
810 My Side of The Mountain	George
810 Soup on Ice	Peck
810 The Captive	Hansen
820 By the Shores of Silver Lake	Wilder
820 Sing Down The Moon	O'Dell
820 Ramona The Brave	Cleary
820 Maniac Magee	Spinelli
820 Surviving the Applewhites	Tolan
820 Blood on the River: James Town, 1607	Elsa Carbone
830 Over Sea, Under Stone	Cooper
840 Mary Poppins	Travers
840 Sammy Keys and the Hotel Thief	VanDranaan
840 The Great Brain	Fitzgerald
840 Johnny Tremain	Forbes
850 Ice	Waylor
850 Witch of Blackbird Pond	Speare
850 Rules of The Road	Bauer
860 A Summer to Die	Lowry
860 Ramona and Her Mother	Cleary
860 Lyddie	Paterson
860 Ryan White My Own Story	White
870 James and The Giant Peach	Dahl

801-900

870 View from Saturday	Konigsburg
870 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea	Verne
870 I Am Fifteen and I Don't Want to Die	Amothy
870 Dragonwings	Yep
880 Henry Reed, Inc.	Robertson

880 Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone	Rowling
880 The Trouble With Tuck	Taylor
880 Jacob I Have Loved	Paterson
890 Journey Home	Uchida
890 Cheaper by The Dozen	Gilbreth
890 The Name of The Game Was Murder	Nixon
900 Sounder	Armstrong

901-1000

910 Green Angel	Hoffman
910 Flowers for Algernon	Keyes
920 The Wind and The Willows	Grahame
920 The Blue Willow	Gates
920 Abel's Island	Steig
920 The Princess Diaries	Cabot
920 Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor
940 Harry Potter Series	Rowling
950 The Landry News	Clements
950 Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix	J.K. Rowling
950 Bud, not Buddy	Curtis
950 A True and Faithful Narrative	Sturtevant
960 Heidi	Spyri
960 The River	Paulsen
970 Joe Pigza Swallowed a Key	Gantos
970 Fat Chance	Newman
970 Slave Dancer	Fox
990 All Creatures Great and Small	Herriot
990 Kidnapped	Stevenson
1000 Island of The Blue Dolphin	O'Dell
1000 The Hobbit	Tolkien
1000 Freak The Mighty	Rodman
1000 Bucking the Sarge	Curtis

1001-1100

1010 Eva	Dickinson, Peter
1020 Hatchet	Paulsen
1030 Harry Potter Series	Rowling
1030 The Blue Sword	McKinley
1050 Rabbitt Hill	Lawson
1080 Diary of a Young Girl	Frank
1090 Amos Fortune, Free Man	Yates
1090 The Hound of The Baskervilles	Doyle
1090 The Story of My Life	Keller
1090 Boy	Dahl
1100 Across Five Aprils	Hunt

1101-1200

1110 Lincoln, A Photobiography	Freedman
1120 The Hero and The Crown	McKinley
1130 Up a Road Slowly	Hunt

1140 The Wind and The Willows

1150 A Wizard of Earthsea

1150 Moves Make The Man

1150 Brian's Winter

1150 The Slippery Slope

1170 Catherine, Called Birdy

1170 War Of The Worlds

1200 Incident at Hawk's Hill

Grahame

LeGuin

Brooks

Paulsen

Snicket

Cushman

Wells

Eckert

1201-1400

1230 Little Women

1260 Romeo and Juliet

1320 The Crucible

Alcott

Shakespeare

Miller