

Summer Reading - Incoming 5th grade

Part 1: Reading

Purpose: Students should be *reading for pleasure*, as well as for brain stimulation. Reading is fun! There's a reason summer is summer...but we also want students to be ready for 5th grade.

How to Pick a Book: I expect that students are reading books that challenge them in a ***variety*** of ways.

- Books can be challenging in a variety of ways...even if they are below your Lexile level.
 - **Lexile** - This is the assigned complexity level of a book. However, this is just a number. You know your brain better than a computer test.
 - **Content/Topic** - Perhaps the book explores a difficult, new, or complex topic. This counts as challenging, even if the book is below your Lexile level. This could be a book about science, a book with a sad theme that's emotionally challenging, a novel that jumps around a timeline, etc.
 - **Length** - Maybe you're reading a book that's below your Lexile, but it's the longest book you've ever read. Great! That's challenging!
 - **Genre** - Reading a genre of literature that you're not used to can be challenging. This could be a non-fiction book, science fiction, a biography, a collection of short stories, a novel written in prose, a memoir etc.
 - **Culture/Perspective** - Literature that reflects different beliefs can challenge you as well. Maybe it's a text from a different culture, a book about a spiritual belief that is different from yours, a character you can't relate to, etc.

if you absolutely cannot STAND the book you have selected - START ANOTHER ONE. This is meant to help you think, not to torture you.

You must read at least ONE full book that you ENJOY, and that CHALLENGES you. This is the book you will do your assignment on.

Part 2: The Writing Assignment

Purpose: This is where I am measuring some of your skills. I am assessing how familiar you are with writing using the CLAIM, EVIDENCE, REASONING format.

Directions: After you have finished your book, please write **ONE paragraph** to respond to the following prompt Please don't write an entire essay. This should be about 5 sentences.

Which IB attribute best fits the main character in your selected book? Use evidence from the text to support your argument. Please use the C-E-R (claim, evidence, reasoning) format.

Note: if you choose a non-fiction book, you may describe one of the people in the book.

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| Claim | The claim does not exist. | The claim does not state an opinion. The claim is not arguable. | The claim states an opinion. | Claim CLEARLY states an arguable opinion, and is no longer than 1 sentence. The claim is positioned at the very beginning of the paragraph. |
| Evidence | No evidence is given. | Evidence doesn't support the claim. No page number, citation, or quotation marks. | Evidence is provided. Evidence has quotation marks and page numbers. Evidence mostly supports the claim. | 2 pieces of evidence are provided and correctly cited. Evidence VERY clearly supports the claim. |
| Reasoning | No reasoning is given. | Reasoning does not explain how the evidence supports the claim. Not all evidence has reasoning. | Reasoning explains how the evidence supports the claim. Each piece of evidence has a piece of reasoning. | Reasoning CLEARLY explains how the evidence supports the claim. Reasoning enhances the reader's understanding. |

Part 3: The Creative Part

Purpose: This part should be a bit more fun. This is where you have a chance to show me your personality and creativity.

Directions: Choose **ONE** of the prompts below.

My Book:

Author:

Genre:

1. Write a complete interview for one of the characters in your book. Provide the questions and answers. Don't forget to respond to the questions how your chosen character would.
 - a. For example, Harry Potter probably wouldn't say his favorite childhood memory is hanging out with his aunt and uncle.
2. "Create" a fake social media account for one of the characters in your book. This probably shouldn't be real...don't make an actual account. You'll need to design it on Canva or paper or something.
 - a. Include 5 photos (with captions) that they might post.
 - b. Include a biography and a profile picture.
 - c. Include a list of who they are "following" and who "follows" them.
3. Create a movie poster for your book
 - a. Cast at least 4 cast members
 - b. Create a movie tagline
 - c. Design a creative, quality, and colored movie poster to advertise your book
 - d. Write at least 1 reviewer's blurb
 - e. Write a paragraph explaining your poster