



PART 1 Directions: Read at least 3 novels this summer. They can be from the suggested list below or other novels of your choice. Try to keep the novels close to a 5th grade reading level (4.5-6.5), and you can use www.arbookfinder.com to help you find levels of books. Keep in mind that not all books are on accelerated reader (AR), and you do not have to have an AR book for this project.

Recommended Authors

- ❖ C.S. Lewis
- ❖ J.R.R. Tolkien
- ❖ L.M. Montgomery
- ❖ Laura Ingalls Wilder
- ❖ Jean Craighead George
- ❖ Madeleine L'Engle
- ❖ George MacDonald (Example: The Princess and the Goblin)

Recommended Series

- ❖ The Chronicles of Narnia Series by C.S. Lewis
- ❖ The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien
- ❖ Who Was...? Series (Example: Who was Galileo? by Patricia Brennan Demuth)
- ❖ Where Is...? Series (Example: Where is the Colosseum? by Jim O'Conner)
- ❖ What Is...? Series (Example: What is the Constitution? By Patricia Brennan Demuth)
- ❖ I Survived... Series (Example: I Survived the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863 by Lauren Tarshis)
- ❖ Nancy Drew books
- ❖ The Hardy Boys books
- ❖ Daughters of the Faith Series by Wendy Lawton

Recommended Books

- ❖ The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
- ❖ Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- ❖ The Black Stallion by Walter Farley
- ❖ The Call of the Wild by Jack London
- ❖ White Fang by Jack London
- ❖ Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
- ❖ King of the Wind by Marguerite Henry
- ❖ Black Beauty by Anna Sewell
- ❖ From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
- ❖ Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- ❖ Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- ❖ Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
- ❖ Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry
- ❖ Alejandro's Gift by Richard E. Albert
- ❖ Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater
- ❖ The Indian and the Cupboard by Lynn Reid Banks
- ❖ Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
- ❖ A Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
- ❖ Once Upon a Marigold by Jean Ferris
- ❖ Water Horse by Dick King-Smith
- ❖ The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

5th Grade Summer Reading Book Review

PART 2 Directions: Choose 1 of the novels that you read this summer to do a book review. The book review must include the basic components of a story (setting, characters, and plot) as well as answer the at least 3 of the sentence starters below.

CHOOSE AT LEAST 3 of the following Sentence Starters:

- This part of the book reminded me of...
- I really connected with (name of character) because...
- In my opinion, the most important word/sentence/paragraph in this book is...because...
- When I read..., I felt (emotion) because...
- I didn't like..., because...
- When I finished this book, I still wondered...
- This part/passage/book made me realize... OR I learned this...because of this part/passage/book.
- My least favorite character was (name of character), because...
- My most favorite character was (name of character), because...
- I was surprised when...I expected...

RUBRIC

Criteria	Total Points Possible	Points Earned
Book Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title • Author 	5	
Setting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where? • When? 	10	
Characters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protagonist • Antagonist • Minor Characters (if any) • Describe them. • Where they round/flat? 	20	
Plot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main problem or conflict • Climax • Solution/Resolution 	25	
Critique <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did you think about the book? • Answer at least 3 of the Sentence Starters from the list provided. 	30	
Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neatness • Complete sentences • 4-5 organized paragraphs • Turned in on time 	10	
TOTAL POINTS	100	