

Dear Students,

As summer approaches, we encourage you to continue reading for both personal and academic benefits. Reading for pleasure can help you relax, expand your knowledge, and develop empathy. It also improves vocabulary, critical thinking, and writing abilities. Research shows that reading for pleasure over the summer prevents the "summer slide" and improves academic performance.

Below I have provided a list of approved American books for your summer reading. Alternatively, you can choose an approved book that falls within your reading level by an American author. In order to have a book approved you will need to send me an email by May 16th. After reading, create a PowerPoint/Google Slides presentation. A grading rubric has been provided to guide you. In addition you will have a slide where you discuss one of our virtues from this year and how it relates back to your book. I look forward to seeing your book choices and insights gained. The presentation is due on August 16th, 2023.

Sincerely,

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The following books do not need teachers approval to read for Summer Reading

6th Grade

The Hobbit
The Egypt Game
Freak The Mighty (Class Copy Available)
The Lion the Witch and The Wardrobe
Wonder

7th Grade

A Wrinkle in Time
Devil's Arithmetic
Call of the Wild (Class Copy Available)
The Watsons go to Birmingham
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

11th Grade

The Scarlet Letter
Fahrenheit 451
The Grapes of Wrath
The Sun also Rises
A Farewell to Arms

Faith Virtues

Faith
Justice
Mercy
Honesty
Gratitude
Reverence
Stewardship
Generosity

PowerPoint Book Report Rubric

| | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Total |
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| Title Slide 1 | Title page is present and contains title, author, and who it is prepared by | Title page is present but lacks complete information. | Title page is present, but lacks much of the required information | Title page is present, but contains no information | |
| Characters and Setting Slide 2 | Main characters are completely described including comparisons, contrasts, and complete character details. Where and when does the book take place? | Setting is described adequately and contains most of character information | Setting is incomplete or inaccurate. Character descriptions are incomplete or inadequate | Setting contains little or no information. Little or no information about the main characters is included | |
| Summary Slides 3-5 | Complete plot, including problem/conflict resolution, including storyboard highlighting major events | Adequate plot summary including some events on a storyboard | Incomplete plot summary and incomplete or inaccurate storyboard | Inadequate plot summary | |
| Main Idea/moral of the story Slide 6 | The main idea of the book is....including opinion of reader | Main idea documented but no opinion | Opinion documented but main idea not addressed | No slide on this area. | |
| Student Recommends Slide 7 | Convincing, reasonable justification for recommendation | Adequate justification for recommendation | No justification for recommendation | No recommendation | |
| Author Info. Slide 9 | Author information (including at least 3 facts not given in the book) that is complete and presented in a creative manner | Author information (including at least 2 facts not given in the book) is complete and presented in a logical manner | Some author information (including at least 1 fact not given in the book) | No author information given, or information is inaccurate | |
| Questions Slide 10 | Five (5) open-ended test questions are given. All questions answered. | Four (4) open-ended test questions are given. All questions answered. | Three (3) open-ended test questions are given. All questions answered. | Two or less open-ended test questions are given. All answered. OR questions are not open ended. | |
| Presentation | Presentation is well organized, clearly spoken, and takes | Presentation is organized, clearly spoken, and takes | Presentation is somewhat organized, clearly | Presentation is barely organized and takes 2-4 | |

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| | 3-5 minutes. | 3-4 minutes. | spoken, and takes 3-4 minutes. | minutes. | |
| Grade total | | | | Total | |