


Summer Reading Assignment: Choose one option below

<p><u>Newspaper</u> (Word Gifted)</p> <p>Create a Newspaper with at least 5 articles about your book. You can choose to write an informational article on the setting, an advertisement for the adventure, an editorial or opinion piece, etc. Your layout should be similar to a newspaper.</p>	<p><u>Map-It</u> (Visual-Spatial Gifted)</p> <p>Create a map showing the setting (or route) taken by the main character in your book during his/her adventure. The map can be of a physical journey they take or an emotional one. Identify and describe at least 5 events from the book and place the description on the map in the appropriate place.</p>	<p><u>Mural</u> (Art Gifted)</p> <p>Create a mural depicting important parts of your book. Use a large sheet of paper for your mural and be sure to cover the paper (mural style). You will need to include a written description (at least 6 sentences) describing your mural.</p>
<p><u>Interview</u> (People Gifted)</p> <p>Determine a moral or ethical issue your main character was faced with. Determine 5 questions you could ask to find out what family and friends might have done in the situation. Interview 3 people using the 5 questions you created. Hand in the answers and a 5 sentence summary of your findings.</p>		<p><u>Mobile</u> (Kinesthetic Gifted)</p> <p>Create a mobile (using at least 5 cards and a hanger) depicting major events in your story. On one side of the card, describe what happened during the major event and on the other side create a picture showing the event. Be sure the events you choose represent the Exposition, Rising Action, Climax, Falling Action, and Resolution.</p>
<p><u>Plot Poem</u> (Music Gifted)</p> <p>Create 5 poems, at least three (3) should represent different styles of poetry. Each poem should describe a different literary element from your book: Characterization, Setting, Conflict/Resolution. Be sure to include and underline at least 3 different types of figurative language.</p>	<p><u>Author Research</u> (Logical/Mathematical Gifted)</p> <p>Investigate how the author came up with the idea for the story. What research did he or she have to do to write the book? Take your research and create a visual display to share your findings. This can be in the form of a poster, powerpoint, etc. Or you can write a script and video tape yourself as the author!</p>	<p><u>Scrapbook</u> (Self Gifted)</p> <p>Create a Scrapbook with the following pages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Title and Author ● Characters ● Setting ● Conflict ● Resolution ● Plot ● Critique <p>Use words and pictures to describe these literary elements on the appropriate page of the scrap book.</p>

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Which Ones to Choose

There's a ton of books on those sites that are FANTASTIC middle schoolers. Below are a few we think some of you would like. Click on the title to go straight to the source and get a little more information on the book. All the links below lead to the text with audio pairing.

Don't be shy of browsing yourself, too! There's A LOT. Not sure what to pick? Look the title up on the book-review website, Goodreads, to see why others have liked it. Any books that rate above 3.5 stars are usually REALLY good.

Students entering 6th grade:

Choose any book that interests you; some suggestions are below

Students entering 7th grade:

We have some specific suggestions that we can give you a physical copy of before school ends this year.

Loser by Jerry Spinelli

Maus by Art Spiegelman

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Mississippi Trial, 1955 by Chris Crowe

Students entering 8th grade:

Choose any book that interests you; some suggestions are below

- [Alice's Adventures in Wonderland](#)
- [A Wrinkle in Time](#)
- [Bridge to Terabithia](#)
- [Diary of a Wimpy Kid](#)
- [Esperanza Rising](#)
- [Peter and the Starcatchers](#)
- [The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian](#)
- [The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time](#)
- [The House on Mango Street](#)
- [The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe](#)
- [The Crossover](#)
- [The Tale of Despereaux](#)
- [Spiderman: The Darkest Hour](#)