



Fifth Grade
Summer Reading: 2019



Students entering fifth grade will read four books in total and hand in two required essays.

1.) Choose one book from the following list to read:

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (or any of the series) by J.K. Rowling
The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
Because of Mr. Terrupt by Rob Buyea
Holes by Louis Sachar

For the recommended book, answer the following question on notebook paper in cursive handwriting.

In a **five** paragraph essay, explain the book's plot. Choose one main character and explain how they added to the plot. How did the setting of the book add to the plot? Make sure to include an introduction and conclusion.

Suggested format:

Paragraph I: Introduction to book (title, brief sentence(s) about plot)

Paragraph II: Summarization of plot

Paragraph III: Character's addition to the plot

Paragraph IV: Setting's addition to the plot

Paragraph V: Brief conclusion

2.) For a book of your choice, answer the following question on notebook paper in cursive handwriting.

In a **three** paragraph essay, explain why you would or would not recommend this book to another fifth grader. Provide specific reasons.

3.) Read the following two books and prepare to talk about them as an introduction to your ancient civilizations classes.

Who was King Tut? by Roberta Edwards

What was Pompeii? by Jim O'Connor