

2023 Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment:

ELEPHANT RUN BY ROLAND SMITH

Students will take an AR test on the novel Elephant Run by Roland Smith. Students will be given an essay topic on the second day of school based on the novel. Students should complete the Summer Reading Project attached below to turn in on the first day of class.



DESIGN A NEW BOOK COVER



Congratulations! You just finished a book. You want to make a new book cover to persuade other students to read the book too. Your book cover will include new graphics, a quick review, and a synopsis that shares just the right amount of information. See below for more details.

Quick Review. In 1-2 sentences, share your opinion about the book. Be honest, but keep in mind that other students are more likely to read the book if the review is positive.

Title. The front cover must include the title. It should be large and eye-catching. Make sure to include the title on the spine too.

The diagram shows a book cover template with three main sections: the back cover, the spine, and the front cover. The back cover is on the left and contains two sections: 'QUICK REVIEW' at the top with two horizontal lines, and 'SYNOPSIS' below it with ten horizontal lines. The spine is in the middle and has 'TITLE' at the top and 'AUTHOR' at the bottom. The front cover is on the right and has a large rectangular box at the top for the title and a smaller rectangular box at the bottom for the author's name. Arrows point from the text blocks to these specific areas: one from 'Quick Review' to the top of the back cover, one from 'Synopsis' to the bottom of the back cover, one from 'Title' to the top of the spine, one from 'Author' to the bottom of the spine, one from 'Title' to the top of the front cover, one from 'Author' to the bottom of the front cover, and one from 'Drawing or Design' to the main area of the front cover.

Synopsis. A *synopsis* is a summary of the book that doesn't give away the ending. Your synopsis should catch the reader's interest and give them a good idea of what to expect when they read the book.

Author. The front cover and the spine must include the author's name. If there is an illustrator, name them too.

Drawing or Design. Create a graphic design or drawing that represents the book. Your design should be neat and in full color.

TITLE

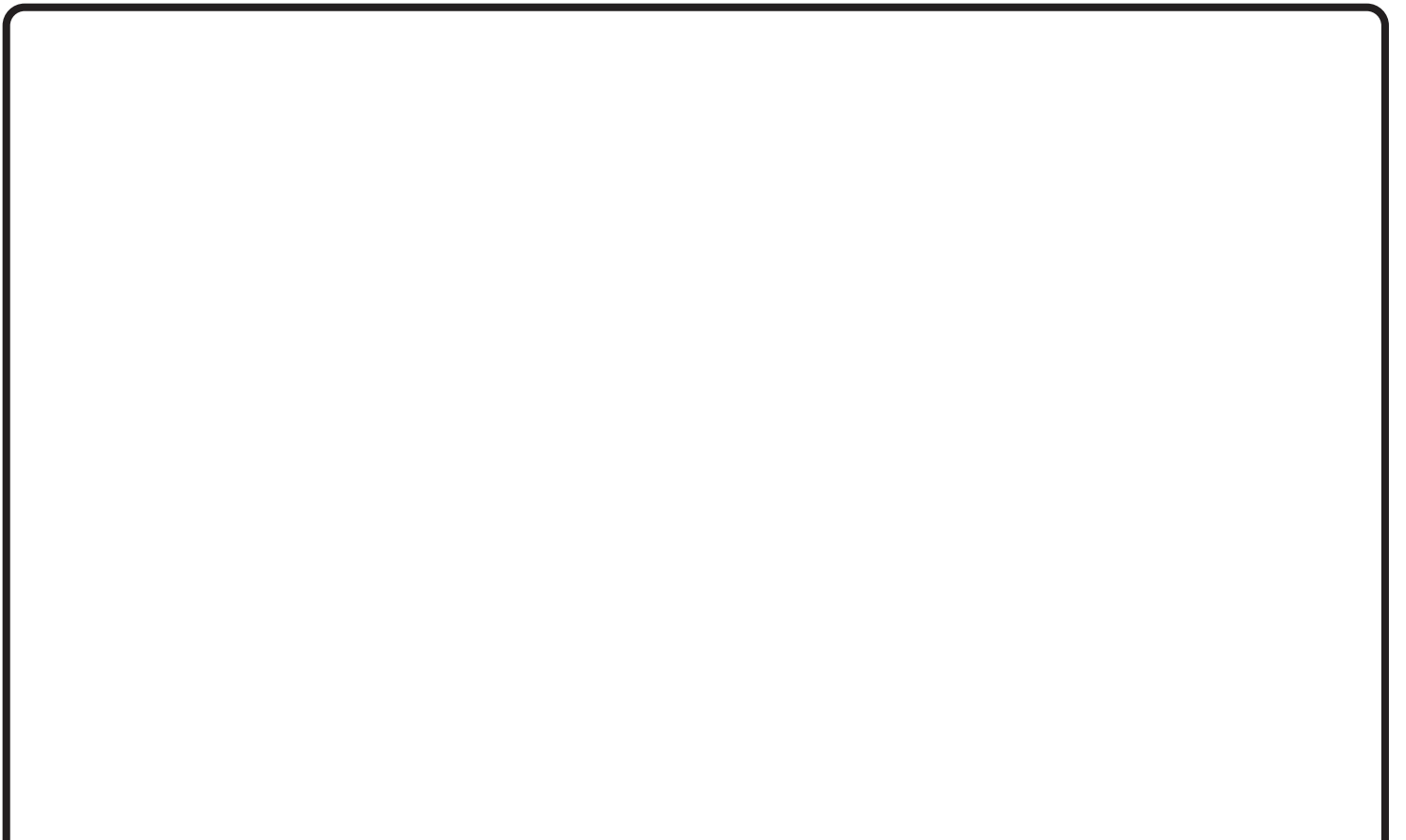
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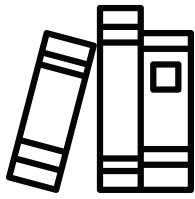
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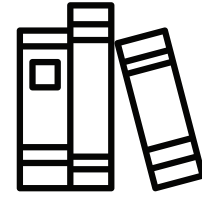
QUICK REVIEW

SYNOPSIS





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Name: _____

Book: _____

TITLE 4 POINTS POSSIBLE

The title is included on the front cover. 0 1 2

The title is included on the spine. 0 1 2

POINTS EARNED: _____ /4

AUTHOR 4 POINTS POSSIBLE

The author's name is on the front cover. 0 1 2

The author's name is on the spine. 0 1 2

POINTS EARNED: _____ /4

DRAWING/DESIGN 15 POINTS POSSIBLE

The cover includes a creative, original design. 0 1 2 3 4 5

The drawing or design is neat. 0 1 2

The drawing or design is in full color. 0 1 2 3

The cover design represents the book's themes and plot. 0 1 2 3 4 5

POINTS EARNED: _____ /15

REVIEW 5 POINTS POSSIBLE

The back cover includes a 1-2 sentence review that includes the student's opinion. 0 1 2 3 4 5

POINTS EARNED: _____ /5

SYNOPSIS 13 POINTS POSSIBLE

The synopsis accurately summarizes the book. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

The synopsis catches the reader's interest. 0 1 2 3

The synopsis keeps the ending of the book a secret. 0 1 2

POINTS EARNED: _____ /13

MECHANICS 9 POINTS POSSIBLE

All parts of the cover design use proper spelling. 0 1 2 3

All parts of the cover design use proper punctuation. 0 1 2 3

All parts of the cover design use proper grammar. 0 1 2 3

POINTS EARNED: _____ /9

TOTAL POINTS EARNED: _____ /50

COMMENTS
