

# SCAPA English 1 Summer Reading Assignment

Choose one of the following books to read this summer:

- *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho
- *Name of the Wind* by Patrick Rothfuss
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot (non-fiction)

As you read, use Post-It notes to annotate your book. You may want to consider writing or bullet-pointing a short summary at the end of each chapter to use when you take the AR test upon returning in the Fall.

## Google Slide Book Talk

Your Google Slide presentation should be at least 10 slides long (you may have more but not less) and structured in the following way:

**Slide 1: Introduction:** Include the title of the book and name of the author.

**Slide 2: Setting:** When and where does the book take place?

**Slide 3: MAIN Characters:** Give a short bio of the characters using descriptive words or quotes from the characters that reveal something about who they are. Identify the protagonist and the antagonist.

**Slide 4: Quest:** What is the protagonist seeking?

**Slide 5: Obstacles:** What obstacles/conflicts does the protagonist face?

**Slide 6: Resolution:** Does the protagonist find what they seek? How?

**Slide 7: Summary:** Using bullet points (or by creating a map), summarize the protagonist's journey from beginning to end.

**Slide 8: Your Impression:** How did you feel about the book? Support your statement with two examples from the book.

**Slide 9: Rating** (on a scale of one to five stars): Why *would* you or why *wouldn't* you recommend the book? Provide at least two specific reasons.

**Slide 10: Closing:** Include a quote from the book that represents the book or might entice someone to read the book.

**Include at least five images** and use fonts and backgrounds that are clear, visually appealing, and supportive of the information you are presenting. See the Google Slides rubric for assessment criteria.

Your Book Talk will be due on Friday, August 23rd. **We will not have class time to complete these projects.** AR tests on the books may be taken toward your AR requirement but will not be a part of your Book Talk grade.

## **24-25 Battle of the Books Middle School List**

Battle of the Books is a reading promotion program in Elementary and Middle Schools where students compete in a tournament style competition by answering questions about books on a designated book list. For Elementary, students read a total of 12 books in preparation for the Battle of the Books competition. Participation in Battle of the Books is voluntary. For more details, please reach out to Ms. Jeanene Jones, SCAPA Librarian, [jeanene.jones@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:jeanene.jones@fayette.kyschools.us) OR 859-381-3332 Ext. 41623.

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(\*KBA-Kentucky Book Award Nominee)

	<u><b>Title</b></u>	<u><b>Author</b></u>	<u><b>Publis hed</b></u>	<u><b>AR Info. Book Level/Poin ts</b></u>	<u><b>Pages</b></u>
1.	A First Time For Everything (*KBA nominee)	Dan Santat	2023	N/A	308
2.	A Work in Progress (*KBA nominee)	Jarrett Learner	2023	3.8/2.0	368
3.	Lasagna Means I Love You	Kate O'Shaughneesy	2023	4.5/10.0	368
4.	Simon Sort of Says (*KBA nominee)	Erin Brown	2023	5.2/11.0	320
5.	The Canyon's Edge	Dusti Bowling	2021	4.8/3.0	408
6.	Once There Was (*KBA nominee)	Kiyash Monsef	2023	4.9/16.0	416
7.	The Mona Lisa vanishes	Nicholas Day	2023	6.3/7.0	288

8.	Mascot (*KBA nominee)	Charles Waters & Traci Sorell	2023	4.9/3.0	255
9.	The Door of No Return	Kwame Alexander	2022	5.9/4.0	432
10.	Bomb, Graphic Novel (*KBA nominee)	Steve Sheinkin	2023	4.8/2.0	256
11.	Scratch, Scratch	Lindsay Currie	2021	4.8/8.0	277
12.	Bite Risk (*KBA nominee)	S.J. Wills	2023	N/A	320
13.	Just Keep Walking	Erin Soderburg	2024	5.7/8.0	365
14.	Beneath the Wide Silk Sky	Emily Inouye Huey	2022	4.4/13.0	336
15.	Shipwrecked: Diving For The Hidden Time Capsules On The Ocean Floor	Martin Sandler	2023	8.9/5.0	138