

2025 Summer Reading for Incoming 6th Graders



Directions:

Please read at least TWO novels during the summer months. You may use the Grade 6 Recommended Reading List to guide your book choices. However, if there are other appropriate grade-level books that you are interested in reading, you are welcome to read those as well! Book reports are due the first week of school.

You must complete two book reports.

Read the requirements for these book reports below:

Book Report #1:

For your first book report, please complete the graphic organizer on the following page. You must read a fictional book and describe one of the main characters using text examples. This means that you must read as actively as possible. Because you need to use text examples, it is important to use sticky notes or other book markers as you are reading to make note of parts of the book that you wish to write about. Remember, you can tell a lot about a character based upon what the character says, does, thinks, and feels.

Book Report #2:

You may choose one of the following options for your second book report:

Option #1: Read a great book aloud with your family and have fun discussing it together! Then, as a family, create a collage. Begin with a family photo in the center and then build your collage all around it with carefully chosen images and words that relate to your book. Be sure to include the title and author of your book somewhere on your collage.

Option #2: Write a letter to the author of your book explaining what you appreciated about the book. Include three reasons or examples in your letter and remember to use a friendly letter format.

Name _____

Fitting the Character to a “T”

To say that something fits a person to a “T” means that a coat or hat or other article of clothing fits a person just right. Fitting someone to a “T” can also mean describing that person with just the right words. For example, do the words “helpful” and “kind” fit you or describe you to a “T”? Do they describe your book’s main character?

1. Think about what your book's main character is like. Write the words that describe your character on the left of the T below.

2. On the right of the T, write examples from your book that show when your character acted the way you describe him or her. In your examples, use your own words or direct quotations from the book. (A direct quotation states exactly the words a character says. When you give a direct quotation, you must use quotation marks around it.)

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Character's Name: _____

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Our Lady of Mercy Recommended Reading Incoming 6th Grade

FICTION (* denotes historical fiction)

Author	Title
Alexander	<i>The Book of Three</i>
Almond	<i>Skellig; *Crispin: The Cross of Lead</i>
Anderson	<i>*Fever - 1793</i>
Avi	<i>Nothing but the Truth; The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i>
Balliett	<i>Chasing Vermeer; Calder Game; Wright 3</i>
Birney	<i>Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs</i>
Broach	<i>Shakespeare's Secret</i>
Bruchac	<i>*Code Talker</i>
Carbona	<i>*Storm Warriors</i>
Cassidy	<i>Dizzy; Scarlet; Indigo Blue</i>
Choldenko	<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>
Clements	<i>The Janitor's Boy; Things not Seen</i>
Colfer	<i>Artemis Fowl</i>
Crew	<i>*Children of the River</i>
Cummings	<i>Red Kayak; The Journey Back; Cheating for the Chicken Man</i>
Curtis	<i>*Bud, Not Buddy; *The Watsons go to Birmingham</i>
Ellis	<i>*The Breadwinner</i>
Feinstein	<i>The Walk On</i>
Fine	<i>Flour Babies</i>
Fleischman	<i>*Bull Run</i>
Funke	<i>The Thief Lord</i>
Grove	<i>The Starplace</i>
Haddix	<i>Shadow Children Series; Found</i>
Hahn	<i>Where I Belong</i>
Hamilton	<i>The House of Dies Drear</i>
Hannigan	<i>Ida B.</i>
Henkes	<i>Words of Stone</i>
Hobbes	<i>*Jason's Gold; *Far North</i>
Holm	<i>Penny from Heaven</i>
Keith	<i>*Rifles for Watie</i>
Klause	<i>Alien Secrets</i>
Konigsburg	<i>The View from Saturday</i>
L'Engle	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>
Levine	<i>*Dave at Night</i>
nLord	<i>Rules; Half a Chance</i>
Lowry	<i>Gathering Blue; The Willoughbys</i>
Lupica	<i>Travel Team; Summer Ball</i>
Martin	<i>Rain Reign</i>
Naylor	<i>*Walker's Crossing</i>
Park	<i>*A Single Shard; *Prairie Lotus</i>
Patron	<i>The Higher Power of Lucky</i>
Patterson/Banda-Ak	<i>The Elephant Girl</i>
Paulsen	<i>Harris and Me; *Soldier's Heart</i>
Peck	<i>A Long Way from Chicago</i>
Reynolds	<i>Ghost; Sunny; Patina, Lu (Track series)</i>
Rinaldi	<i>*Amelia's War</i>
Riordan	<i>The Lightning Thief Series; 39 Clues</i>
Ryan	<i>Becoming Naomi Leon</i>
Sachar	<i>Holes; Small Steps</i>
Skuzynski	<i>*Goodbye, Billy Radish</i>
Snicket	<i>Series of Unfortunate Events</i>
Snyder	<i>Cat Running</i>
Spinelli	<i>Crash; *Milkweed; The Wringer; Stargirl</i>
Stone	<i>Deep, Down Popular</i>
Taylor	<i>Ice Drift</i>
Trueit	<i>Julep O'Toole Series</i>
Weeks	<i>So B. It</i>
White	<i>Deathwatch</i>
Wiles	<i>*Revolution</i>

NON-FICTION

Author	Title
Bausum	<i>Freedom Riders</i>
Bitton-Jackson	<i>I have Lived a Thousand Years</i>
Bradley	<i>Flags of our Fathers (Young People's Edition)</i>
Bridges	<i>Through my Eyes</i>
Cameron	<i>The Kidnapped Prince</i>
Fradin	<i>Power of One: Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Nine</i>
Freedman	<i>Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery</i>
Lekuton	<i>Facing the Lion: Growing Up Maasai on the African Savanna</i>
Lobel	<i>No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War</i>
Warren	<i>Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story</i>

POETRY

Author	Title
Alexander	<i>The Crossover</i>
Creech	<i>Hate that Cat</i>
Grandits	<i>Technically, it's not my Fault; Concrete Poems</i>
Janeczko	<i>A Poke in the Eye; A Kick in the Head; Seeing in Blue Between; The Place my Words are Looking For</i>
Nye	<i>The Same Sky & many other volumes</i>
Rosen	<i>A World of Poetry</i>
Sidman	<i>This is Just to Say; Poems of Apology</i>
Soto	<i>Neighborhood Odes</i>
Woodson	<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>

GOOD READ ALOUD BOOKS

Author	Title
Avi	<i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i>
Birney	<i>Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs</i>
Collier	<i>My Brother Sam is Dead</i>
Cummings	<i>The Red Kayak</i>
Lewis	<i>The Narnia Series</i>
Lord	<i>Rules</i>
Martin	<i>A Corner of the Universe</i>
Riordan	<i>The Lightning Thief Series</i>
Taylor	<i>Ice Drift</i>

There is an AMAZING universe of books in print. Enjoy choosing books that interest and challenge you!

