



Fifth Grade Summer Reading: 2025

Incoming fifth graders are required to read three books, one recommended book from the list below, one book of their choice, and one book from the *Who Was* series.

Title and Author	Genre	Page Count
<i>Shiloh</i> by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	Fiction	144
<i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> (or any of the series) by J.K. Rowling	Fantasy	320
<i>The City of Ember</i> by Jeanne DuPrau	Dystopian Fiction	270
<i>Loser</i> by Jerry Spinelli	Fiction	218
<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> by Kate DiCamillo	Fiction	208
<i>Holes</i> by Louis Sachar	Fiction	233

Assignment One: Five-paragraph Essay

Determination and grit are important character traits that are part of the fifth grade curriculum. Choose a character from the **book off the list** that shows determination or grit. Explain three examples of how they showed this trait and come to a conclusion about how it helped them throughout the plot. This may be typed or handwritten.

Assignment Two: Recommendation

In a three paragraph essay, explain why you would or would not recommend **your choice book** to another fifth grader. Provide specific reasons. This must be handwritten in cursive.

Assignment Three: *Who Was/What Was* Graphic Organizers

Using the attached graphic organizer, choose three main ideas that are presented in the book and add four supporting details for each (**three graphic organizers will be handed in**). Please write the title of the book on the top of the page.

Name: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Write the main idea in the center of the web. Record the supporting details in the surrounding circles.

