



2026 SUMMER Reading GRADES 6-8



FUTURE LETTER:

Students will write a future letter from one of the **characters in the book** to another character in the book **or another person**.
Click [here](#) to view an example.

PODCAST EPISODE:

Record a 5-minute podcast episode **interviewing a character/person** or discussing the book's major themes with a friend.

Recommended for non-fiction/informational books.

DIARY WRITER:

Write at least 10 **diary entries** from a character's/person's point of view, each about one paragraph long, reflecting events that occur during the story or event.

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SETTING BOARD:

Create a visual representation, such as a **collage or drawing**, of the novel's key settings (e.g., the character's home or school). This includes a **one-page explanation** of how these locations influence the character's/person's experiences.

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VISUAL TIMELINE:

Design a timeline on a **poster board** showcasing at least 8 to 10 **key events**. Each event must include a picture, a brief summary, and an explanation of how it moves the plot forward.

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SYMBOLISM ILLUSTRATION:

Choose a major symbol from the book and create an **artistic representation** of it on poster board. Students should include a 6-8 sentence paragraph explaining its significance to the story or event.

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ONE PAGER:

Students will record information about their book on a one pager. A template with instructions and an example can be found [here](#).

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BOOK MOSAIC:

Create a mosaic of quotes, thoughts, ideas, and pictures analyzing **key themes** in the book. Students can find eight possible themes and write the theme and rationale for the theme behind the illustrated door/cover.
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Tips for selecting Summer Reading books:

- Embrace different formats: Graphic novels, comic books, ebooks, etc.
- Follow interests: Look for books based on current hobbies or align with family
- Series Reading: Book series keep readers engaged and looking forward for the next installment
- Lexile/Reading Levels: Middle school lexile levels range from 925L-1185L