Summer Reading Reflection Log Instructions

Over the summer, you are expected to read independently and keep track of your reading. There is no required title for this assignment; you may choose any novel, short story collection, graphic novel, memoir, poetry collection, or nonfiction text. Please make sure that the texts you pick are at an appropriate reading level for a high school student..

Your goal is to show that you spent time reading and thinking about what you read.

Reading Log Requirements

For each work you read, complete one entry. Each entry should include:

Title:

Author:

Genre:

Type of work: (e.g. novel, short story, graphic novel, nonfiction, etc.):

Reading status: Finished / Started but switched to something else / Abandoned

Formatting reminder: Italicize the titles of novels, graphic novels, memoirs, and full-length works. Put poem and short story titles in quotation marks.

Reflection Paragraph

For each title on your log, write at least **one thoughtful paragraph** (6-8 sentences) about your experience with the text. Your paragraph should not simply summarize the plot. Instead, focus on your experience as a reader. You may write about some of the following:

- How you discovered or chose the title
- Whether this was a new genre for you or similar to things you have read before
- What you liked, disliked, found surprising, or found challenging

- Whether you finished it, switched to something else, or abandoned it, and why
- Whether you would recommend it to someone else
- What type of reader might enjoy it
- Whether the book made you want to read something similar in the future

Sample Entry

Title: *The Hunger Games*	Author: Suzanne Collins
Genre: Dystopian fiction	Type of work: Novel
Reading Status: Finished	

Reflection Paragraph:

I chose *The Hunger Games* because I had heard a lot about it but had never actually read the book. I usually like stories with action and suspense, so this felt like a good choice for me, but I was surprised by how much of the book focused on survival, trust, and unfairness in society. At first, I thought the book would mostly be about the competition itself, but it also made me think about how people are treated differently depending on where they come from. I liked Katniss as a main character because she is brave, but she also seems realistic because she is scared and unsure at times. The book was easy to keep reading because the chapters often ended at tense moments, and I wanted to know what would happen next. I finished the book because I became invested in Katniss and wanted to see whether she could survive without losing who she was. I would recommend this book to someone who likes suspenseful stories, strong main characters, and books that make readers think about power and inequality. I think readers who enjoy fast-paced books with emotional moments would probably enjoy this title.

