

Book Reports

Mr. Munoz's 5th Grade Class
St. Stanislaus Parish School

You should be reading 20 minutes or more every day.

Students will be required to complete 7 book reports throughout the school year. The due date for book reports is the last school day of the month for September, October, November, January, February, March and April. Students may choose 3 books on their own, but they must be chapter books and approved by me. The remaining 4 books will be of a genre of my choosing.

September: Student's choice

October: Fantasy

November: Historical Fiction about America (examples would have the setting of the American Revolution, Civil War, Westward Movement, Early Americans, Native Americans)

January: Student's choice

February: Biography on an American figure (examples are George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., Thomas Edison, Caesar Chavez, Mark Twain, the Wright Brothers)

March: Student's choice

April: Science Fiction

Book Report Format Specifications

1. Book report must be typed and spell checked. If you do not have access to a computer or typewriter, please let me know.
2. Follow proper conventions for C.U.P.S. (this stands for **C**apitalization, **U**sage, **P**unctuation, and **S**pelling) must be correct.
3. Name, student number, and date needs to be in the **upper right corner**.
4. Fasten multiple pages together with a single staple in the upper left corner, please no binders or covers.
5. Do not illustrate your book report with graphics, clip art or drawings.
6. **Font size should be 12 or 14 and it should be in Times New Roman, Courier, or Arial font style, done in BLACK ink, and left hand justified (do not center your report.) NO BOLD FACE TYPING please.**
7. Each element should be listed followed by a 1-3 paragraph response. All responses need to be in complete sentences. For example, if the book was The Adventures of Tom Sawyer:

Protagonist

Tom Sawyer is the protagonist in this story. He is about 12 years old and lives in the small town of St. Petersburg, Missouri. He wants to be an outlaw and likes to play hooky from school and church. He drives his Aunt Polly crazy, and hates his half brother Sid.

8. Be sure to respond completely too all elements listed below.

Elements of the Report

1. Provide the title of the book and the author. (All book titles should be underlined)
2. Write a short section of each of the following elements, please include detail:
 - a. Protagonist(s) – the main character or characters in the book.
 - b. Antagonist(s) – the opponent or enemy in the book.
 - c. Conflict – the problem that arises in the book.
 - d. Setting – the location, time period, climate, and/or geography in the book.
 - e. Plot - The course of a story including significant events that determine its course or significant patterns of events.
 - f. Climax - The turning point in a plot, especially one marking a change in the protagonist's affairs.
 - g. Conclusion - The conclusion or resolution of the conflict in the story.
 - h. Theme – This is the message or moral that the author wanted the reader to understand
3. Write a 1 paragraph review of the book. Explain why you liked or disliked this book.

Things to Remember

1. Students should read books of appropriate length and challenge for their reading ability.
2. All projects and reports should be "best effort" pieces of work; no sloppy, last-minute work. Turning in poor work will affect your grade.
3. Neatness counts...ALWAYS.
4. Correctness counts...ALWAYS.
5. Read at all opportunities. Carry a book with you.
6. Try to read books that you might not normally read (challenge your brain).
7. Please plan enough time to complete your report, always plan for computer emergencies, ran out of ink/paper emergencies, and outside activities.