



Summer Reading Grade 5

Choose any two books, listed below, that you would enjoy reading. Complete the activity that goes with each book. Be ready to participate in classroom discussions and literature circles when you return to school.

Book 1

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

Activity: complete the puzzle map (see teacher for puzzle map)

Directions for puzzle sheet

1. List the title, author and illustrator.
2. Write a summary of the book in the area marked ***Tell about the story.***
3. Sign your name.
4. Draw a picture of one of the main characters and label it in the box marked **Picture 1.**
5. Draw a scene of the setting in the box marked **Picture 2.**
6. Draw a main event that happened in the middle of the book in the box marked **Picture 3.**
7. Draw a main event that happened toward the end of the story in the box marked **Picture 4.**

Book 2

Holes by Louis Sachar

Activity: character analysis

1. Pick one of the main characters to analyze
2. On a poster, draw the character as you imagine him/her from the description in the book. (1/2 of a regular size poster will be fine)
3. Around the character, or on the character (hands, feet, hat, etc) write the character traits that best describe him/her and made the character most memorable. Example: on the feet you might write, "He (character's name) traveled for many miles, he was tireless". On the heart you might write, "He was caring and helpful". Be creative!
4. Coloring, painting, making the character 3D, etc will make your poster more appealing.
5. Put the title of the book, the author and the name of the character creatively on your poster.
6. You may put your character in a scene from the book if you like.

Book 3

Choose any book from the Dear America or the My Name is America series.

Activity: On a sheet of paper, write your name and the title of the book you chose. Then, write a summary of the period in American history in which the story took place. Next, write a summary of the book which includes the setting, characters, main events, conflicts and conclusion. Finally, write a short opinion of the book.

*Scholastic.com has book lists, historical information and activities for further enjoyment of these books.

Be prepared to share your book choice and to create an American history timeline in class when we return to school in September.

Book 4

Choose one of the following books. Complete the book report below.

Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Souder by William H. Armstrong

1. Describe the setting of the story. Where and when did it take place?
2. List two main characters and briefly describe each. What did they look like? Why was he/she important to the novel? Tell why you liked or disliked them. Did the author make them memorable characters? Why or why not?
3. Describe two of your favorite scenes from the novel and tell why they were your favorites. Be descriptive.
4. List 15 new words and their definitions. Include the sentence from the book and underline the word in the sentence.
5. Illustrate and color one of the scenes from the book on your front cover. Include the title and author of the book on the front cover. Be creative.

God bless you and have a happy summer!