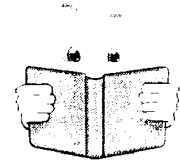




Stadium School

Summer Reading Assignment



Read two books from the Summer Reading List and write a book review for each of the books. The book review should be typed or neatly written and 2-3 pages in length, including a title page.

Your book review should include:



Title page



Setting & characters



Summary of the plot of the book



Recommendation. *Would you recommend the book to your friends?*



Any new vocabulary terms that you learned from the book

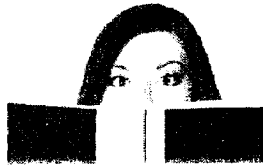
A rubric is below. Be sure to bring your book review to school on the first day of class.

Book Review Rubric

	4	3	2	1	Total
Title	Title page is present and contains title, author, student's name & grade level	Title page is present but lacks complete information	Title page is present, but lacks much of the required information	Title page is present, but contains no information	
Setting & Characters	Setting is completely described. Main characters are completely described	Setting is described adequately. Characters are adequately described	Setting is incomplete or inaccurate. Character descriptions are incomplete or inadequate	Contains little no information. Little or no information about the main characters is included	
Summary	Complete plot, including problem/conflict resolution and major events	Adequate plot summary including some major events	Incomplete plot summary	Inadequate plot summary	
Student Recommendation	Convincing, reasonable justification for recommendation	Adequate justification for recommendation	No justification for recommendation	No recommendation	
Vocabulary	Student identifies 4-5 new vocabulary words used in the reading and their full meanings	Student identifies 2-3 new vocabulary words used in the reading and adequate meanings.	1-2 new vocabulary words used in the reading. Meanings missing or inadequate.	No vocabulary identified.	
Grammar/Usage (Capitalization, Usage, Punctuation, Spelling)	7 or fewer errors in CUPS	8-10 errors in CUPS	11-13 errors in CUPS	14 or more errors in CUPS	
Total out of 24					

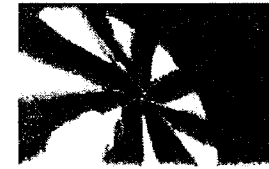
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Student will receive a grade and book talk credits for all grades of 75% or above. Booktalk credits are awarded 1 for every 100 pages of reading. Students are expected to attain at least 8 booktalk credits each trimester.



Baltimore City Public Schools

GRADES 6-8 SUMMER 2009 READING LIST



FACT OR FICTION

Title	Author
Amazing Leonardo da Vinci Inventions You Can Build Yourself	Anderson, Maxine
Cowboys and Coffin-Makers	Coulter, Laurie
Isaac Newton	Krull, Kathleen
Million Dollar Goal	Gutman, Dan
National Geographic Investigates: Ancient Inca: Archaeology Unlocks the Secrets	Gruber, Beth
Periodic Table: Elements with Style	Dingle, Adrian
Peter and the Shadow Thieves	Barry, Dave
Peter and the Starcatchers	Barry, Dave
Shamer's Daughter	Kaaberbol, Lene
Sigmund Freud	Krull, Kathleen
Strange Happenings: Five Tales of Transformation	Avi
Thomas Edison for Kids: His Life and Ideas	Carlson, Laurie Winn
Weirdo	Taylor, Theodore

Be Creative

Title	Author
Anime Mania: How To Draw Characters For Japanese Animation	Hart, Christopher
Art of Drawing Dragons	Dobrzycki, Michael
Cartooning: The Only Cartooning Book You'll Ever Need To Be The Artist You've Always Wanted To Be	Roche, Art
Cool Hip-Hop Music: Create And Appreciate What Makes Music Great!	Kenney, Karen Latchiana
Eats, Shoots & Leaves: Why, Commas Really Do Make a Difference!	Truss, Lynne
Rhythm and Blues, Rap, and Hip-Hop Vocal And Instrumental Groups: Making Music	Hoffmann, Frank W. Garty, Judy
What a Song Can Do: 12 Riffs on the Power of Music	Armstrong, Jennifer

For Crying Out Loud (Adolescent Issues)

Title	Author
Confessions of a Closet Catholic	Littman, Sarah
Fairest	Levine, Gail Carson
Kiki's Journey	Orona-Ramirez, Kristy
Liberation of Gabriel King	Going, K. L.
Liftoff: A Photobiography of John Glenn	Mitchell, Don
Loud Silence of Francine Green	Cushman, Karen
Not Exactly Normal	Brown, Devin
Rules	Lord, Cynthia
Secret Blog of Raisin Rodriguez	Goldschmidt, Judy
Shug	Han, Jenny
Small Steps	Sachar, Louis
While You Were Out	Kuns, Judith Irvin
Year of the Dog	Lin, Grace
Zen and the Art of Faking It	Sonnenblick, Jordan

Mystifying Mysteries

Title	Author
Bear Named Trouble	Bauer, Marion Dane
Billy Creekmore: A Novel	Porter, Tracey
Billy Hooten, Owlboy	Sniegoski, Tom E.
Case of the Missing Marquess	Springer, Nancy
Chicken Boy	Dowell, Frances O'Roark
Cinderella (As If You Didn't Already Know the Story)	Ensor, Barbara
Clue of the Linoleum Lederhosen	Anderson, M. T.
Counting on Grace	Winthrop, Elizabeth
Cryptid Hunters	Smith, Roland
Elijah of Buxton	Curtis, Christopher Paul
Framed	Boyce, Frank Cottrell
Ghost of Cutler Creek	DeFelice, Cynthia
Ptolemy's Gate	Stroud, Jonathan
Snatched	Hautman, Pete
Stormbreaker	Horowitz, Anthony
Tanglewreck	Winterson, Jeanette
Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing	Janezko, Paul B.
Vanishing Act	Feinstein, John

The Big Game - Sports

Title	Author
Aurora County All-Stars Basketball (or Something Like It)	Wiles, Deborah
Dunk Under Pressure	Baskin, Nora Raleigh
Heat	Wallace, Rich
Jim Thorpe. Original All-American	Lupica, Mike
King of Attolia	Bruchac, Joseph
	Turner, Megan Whalen

Too Much Drama

Title	Author
Adventurous Women: Eight True Stories	Colman, Penny
About Women Who Made a Difference	
Babysitter's Club #1: Kristy's Great Idea	Martin, Ann
Bang!	Flake, Sharon G.
Firegirl	Abbott, Tony
Happiness of Kati	Vejjajiva, Jane
Runaway	Van Draanen, Wendelin
Totally Joe	Howe, James
Unsigned Valentine: And Other Events in the Life of Emma Meade	Hurwitz, Johanna

Travel Through Time

Title	Author
5,000 Miles to Freedom: Ellen and William Craft's Flight from Slavery	Fradin, Dennis
Archer's Quest	Park, Linda Sue
At Ellis Island: A History in Many Voices	Peacock, Louise
Behind Enemy Lines: A Young Pilot's Story	DeMallie, H.R.
Black Duck	Lisle, Janet Taylor
Boy Who Saved Cleveland	Giblin, James Cross
Bread and Roses, Too	Paterson, Katherine
Curse of the Romanovs	Rabin, Staton
Plague	Wooderson, Philip
Real Samurai. Over 20 True Stories about the Knights of Old Japan!	Turnbull, Stephen
Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party	Compestine, Ying Chang
Secret of Priest's Grotto: A Holocaust Survival Story	Taylor, Peter Lane
Signers: The 56 Stories Behind the Declaration of Independence	Fradin, Dennis Brindell
Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building	Hopkinson, Deborah
Summer of the War	Whelan, Gloria
Walker Evans: Photographer of America	Nau, Thomas
Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain	Sis, Peter
Weedflower	Kadohata, Cynthia

We "R" Family

Title	Author
Bud, Not Buddy	Curtis, Christopher Paul
Buttermilk Hill	White, Ruth
Camel Rider	Mason, Prue
Dog for Life	Matthews, L.S.
Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray	Martin, Ann
El Lector	Durbin, William
First Light	Stead, Rebecca
Gemini Summer	Lawrence, Iain
Hatshepsut: The Princess Who Became King	Galford, Ellen
I Am Not Joey Pigza	Gantos, Jack
Ice Drift	Taylor, Theodore
Ida B	Hannigan, Katherine
If I Have a Wicked Stepmother, Where's My Prince?	Kantor, Melissa
Let the Circle Be Unbroken	Taylor, Mildred D.
Louisiana's Song	Madden, Kerry
Mysterious Edge of the Heroic World	Konigsburg, E. I.
Petty Crimes	Soto, Gary
Safe at Home	Robinson, Sharon
The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman	Gaines, Ernest J.

Take Me Away – Fantasy

Title	Author
M Is for Magic	Gaiman, Neil
Princess Academy	Hale, Shannon
Ranger's Apprentice, Book One: The Ruins of Gorlan	Flanagan, John
Replay	Creech, Sharon
Sea of Trolls	Farmer, Nancy
Lightning Thief	Riordan, Rick
Tiger	Stone, Jeffrey S.
Treasure Island	Stevenson, Robert Louis
Young Uncle Comes to Town	Singh, Vandana

The Faces of Horror

Title	Author
Big One-Oh	Pitchford, Dean
Hana's Suitcase: A True Story	Levine, Karen
Horowitz Horror: Stories You'll Wish You Never Read	Horowitz, Anthony