

DEA Middle School Summer Reading Requirements

Choose one of the fiction choices from your grade level OR the BETA Book Battle list AND one of the nonfiction choices for your grade level. You may not do your summer reading/report on the book you did last summer.

All students will be required to take an AR test on the book. A written book report or a Google slides presentation about each book (see rubric) is required to be turned in at the beginning of school. An outline for the book report is included below.

Rising 6th graders

- Fiction books** – *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare, *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Patterson, *The Hound of the Baskervilles: Graphic Novel* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, *Dreamer* by Pam Munoz Ryan, *The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien, *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
- Nonfiction books** – *Soul Surfer* by Bethany Hamilton, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Young Readers Edition)* by William Kamkwamba, *Smile: Graphic Novel* by Raina Telgemeir, *I Am Malala (Young Readers Edition)* by Malala Yousafzai, *Shaken (Young Readers Edition)* by Tim Tebow

Rising 7th & 8th graders

- Fiction books** – *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson, *The Magician's Nephew* by CS Lewis, *True Confession of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi, *Jacob Have I Loved* by Katherine Patterson, *9/10 A September 11th Story* by Nora Raleigh Baskin, *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie, *The Hunger Games Book 1* by Susanne Collins, *The Hound of the Baskervilles: Graphic Novel* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- Nonfiction books** - *I Am Malala (Young Readers Edition)* by Malala Yousafzai, *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki, *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson, *Woodlawn* by Todd Gerelds, *The Hiding Place (Young Reader's Edition)* by Corrie Ten Boom, *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler* by Phillip Hoose, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Young Reader's Edition)* by William Kamkwamba, *Soul Surfer* by Bethany Hamilton

BETA BOOK BATTLE LIST JUNIOR (Grades 6-8)

Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two by Joseph Bruchac

Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry

The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen

The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

Rebound by Kwame Alexander

Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961 by Larry Dane Brimner

Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos

The False Prince (The Ascendance Series, Book 1) by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Book Report

1. Title of the book: _____

2. Author of the book: _____

3. Publisher of the book: _____

4. Date of publication: _____

5. Number of pages in the book: _____

6. Circle the type of book you read.

Fiction

Nonfiction

Biography

7. List two new words that you found in the book.

Word

Meaning of the word

8. Briefly tell what the book is about. Include characters and setting.

9. Sign this statement if it is true.
I have completely read this entire book.

Rubric

	ADVANCED 16 pts.	PROFICIENT 12 pts.	PROGRESSING 8 pts.	FAIR 4 pts.
CONTENT Includes: title, author, publisher, date of publication, genre, characters, setting, summary of plot, opinion/recommendation/rating of book	All required slides included with correct information. Topic is discussed clearly and in an organized manner. Minimum: 5 slides Written report is in paragraph format and paragraph breaks are logical and well organized. (No pictures/graphics needed for written report).	All required slides with relevant information. Topic is somewhat discussed but more information is required. Written report is in paragraph format but paragraph breaks are not logical/well organized. (No pictures/graphics needed for written report).	Missing some slides or relevant information. Topic is slightly discussed but more material is needed. Written report is not written in paragraph format but organization sheet is turned in and legible/easy to read.	Many slides missing or less slides OR slides do not contain relevant information. Topic is addressed but not discussed or elaborated on. Written report is not written in paragraph format but organization sheet is turned in but is illegible/unorganized or incomplete.
PRESENTATION/ GRAPHICS PICTURES	Slides are attractive. Text is easy to read. Graphics/pictures are used throughout to enhance presentation. Minimum: 5 slides	Slides are attractive. Text is easy to read. More than half of the slides use graphics/pictures that enhance presentation.	Slides are easy to read. Amount of text is limited. Less than half the slides have graphics/pictures.	The slides are not easy to read. There is little text. There is little use of graphics/pictures.
GRAMMAR AND MECHANICS	Capitalization and punctuation are correct throughout the presentation. There are no grammatical errors.	There are less than 2 grammatical errors in the presentation.	There are less than 4 grammatical errors in the presentation.	There are many grammar or mechanical errors in the presentation.

48 pts = 100 32 pts = 80

44 pts = 95 28 pts = 75

40 pts = 90 24 pts = 70

36 pts = 85 12 pts = 60