



Middles School (5th-8th grades) Summer Independent Reading Project

This summer, middle school students will read a novel of their choice (preferably one they have not read before) selected from the options provided on the next page.

After reading their novel, students will select one project from the Project Choice Board below. Each project must include their first and last name and the novel title written on the top of the page or on the back of their project.

Their project of choice will be due for a test grade the second Friday we return to school, August 25, 2023.

Project Choice Board

<p>Make a diagram, chart, timeline, or infographic that highlights major plot events (5 minimum – 12 maximum) from the novel. Include illustrations and 2-3 GOOD sentences for each event.</p>	<p>Make a diorama of a major scene or event in the novel. On a piece of paper, attached to the back or bottom of the diorama, write 5 GOOD sentences explaining what is happening in the artwork.</p>	<p>Design a comic book strip (12 box minimum – 24 box maximum) that shows the main plot events in the story. Be sure to include pictures and text in each box.</p>	<p>After reading the novel, watch the movie (if there is one). Make a chart that highlights the similarities and differences between the novel and the movie. The chart must include AT LEAST 5 similarities and 5 differences; they must be written in complete sentences.</p>	<p>Write a persuasive book critique that is AT LEAST 100 words in length. Your goal is to offer the reader reasons to read the book, or reasons not to read the book.</p>
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Novel Selections for Middle School Summer Reading 2023

Choose one novel from the list that corresponds with the grade you will be in NEXT year.

5th and 6th Grade Students

- *The Ghost of Fossil Glen* (any book from the series) by Cynthia DeFelice
- *Tales of A Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume
- *Percy and the Olympians* (any book from the series) by Rick Riordan
- *A Series of Unfortunate Events* (any book from the series) by Lemony Snicket
- *The Chronicles of Narnia* (any book from the series) by C.S. Lewis
- *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
- *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling
- *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland/ Through the Looking Glass* (either book from the series) by Lewis Carroll

7th and 8th Grade Students

- *Harry Potter* (any book from the series) by J.K. Rowling
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* (any book from the series) by Trenton Lee Stewart
- *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *The Hunger Games* (any book from the series) by Suzanne Collins
- *As Easy As Falling Off the Face of the Earth* by Lynne Rae Perkins