

Quarter Book Reports

Once every quarter, you will be asked to complete a book report. The report is an important part of your overall grade and will consist of three components. You will be graded on the written report, the creative element, and the presentation.

Written Report

This section of the report consists of a four page write up covering the following areas of the book. Each section must be at least one page long. The sections are:

Title Page – Basic page, must contain your name, the trimester, the name of the book, and the author’s name, and an illustration.

Summary – In this section, you will write a summary of the book, including details from the beginning, middle, and end. Make sure to include the important elements of the story only.

Character Development – In this section you give a character description of the main character in the book. The character description needs to include physical details and also explain how the character changed over the course of the story. For example, what kind of obstacles did they overcome, did they learn something new, did they gain a new skill, conquer a fear, etc.

Theme – In this section you will describe what you believe to be one of the main themes in the book. You will then provide two examples quoted from the book that demonstrates this theme followed by a short description of how the example is connected. For example, you might state that a main theme of “The Giver” by Lois Lowry is the importance of memory. An example of this can be found on pg 95. “When you receive the memories you have the capacity to see beyond. You’ll gain wisdom, then along with colors. And lots more.” This quote supports the fact that he needs the memories to gain wisdom and see beyond the normal range of vision.

Creative Portion

This portion of the report is where you get to show your creative abilities. In the past, students have done many things to fulfill this part of the report. Students have made movie posters, dioramas, photo albums of characters and locations in the book, brochures, acted out parts of the book, book covers, sculptures etc. The possibilities are endless, just don’t save this portion of the report for the night before (we will all notice).

Oral Presentation

The presentations are nothing to freak out about. They are short presentations. You will have exactly two minutes to show off your creative portion of the report and to also talk about what you liked about your book.

Grading

Written Portion – 40%
Creative Portion – 40%
Presentation – 20%

Book List

You can read any of the following books on this list. These are books that I have read and that have adopted for the seventh grade reading list. You may suggest other books to do for the report, but they need to be approved by me **before you start reading them for the report**. A second book report can be done for extra credit.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Mildred D. Taylor
Bridge to Terabithia – Katherine Paterson
Where the Red Fern Grows – Wilson Rawls
Hatchet – Gary Paulsen
The Wave – Todd Strasser
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court – Mark Twain
The Chocolate War – Robert Cormier
The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien
Push Cart Wars – Jean Merrill
My Side of the Mountain - Jean Craighead George
Jason's Gold – Will Hobbs
Maniac Magee – Jerry Spinelli
Rascal – Sterling North
The View From Saturday – E.L. Konigsburg
Call of the Wild – Jack London
Criss Cross - Lynne Rae Perkins
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key – Jack Gantos
Stargirl – Jerry Spinelli
Tuck Everlasting – Natalie Babbitt
Trouble with Tuck – Theodore Taylor
Bud Not Buddy – Christopher Paul Curtis
Black Stallion – Walter Farley
Sounder – William H. Armstrong
Farewell to Manzanar – Jeanne Watsuki Houston
The BFG – Roald Dahl
Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson
Old Yeller – Fred Gibson