

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

# My Summer Reading Log

**Directions:** On this page, you will record all books you read over summer vacation.

- As soon as you START a new book record the date, title, page started on, and author.
- When you finish, record the date you finished (or an A for abandoned if you didn't finish it) and the last page you read.
- Start reading your next book.
- There is an example for you to look at.



Book #	Date started _____ Date completed	Title _____ Author	First Page Read _____ Last Page Read
Example	6/12/21	Jurassic Park	1
	6/18/21	Michael Crichton	448
1			
2			
3			
4			



I verify that I read the above books and pages this summer.

\_\_\_\_\_ student's signature

I verify that my student has read the above books this summer.

\_\_\_\_\_ parent's name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_ parent's signature (no

initials)

# Additional Novels Read

Book #	Date started <hr/> Date completed	Title <hr/> Author	First Page Read <hr/> Last Page Read
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			



## Directions for Summer Reading for Incoming 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

### Summer Reading Quick Directions

- 📖 Read FOUR novels (totaling 800 pages)
- 📖 Keep track on the reading log.
- 📖 Be prepared to write about novels in September.

### Choosing Novels

There is no novel list that you must choose from, but you must select summer reading books wisely. Here are the guidelines:

- 📖 You must read books you have not read before.
- 📖 You must include a short write-up explaining differences between the movie and the novel if you select a book that has a movie out for it.
- 📖 Novels must be at your appropriate reading level (Grades 6-8).
- 📖 Novels must be around 200 pages or more.
- 📖 You may select the genre, but the book needs to be an appropriate length and not be filled with photos, drawings, etc.
- 📖 You may not use *The Diary of the Wimpy Kid* books, or any other novel with large print and drawings, as one of your books because there is not 200 pages of sufficient reading.
- 📖 I want you to enjoy reading this summer, and not just "get through" a book I assigned you, but the novel you select should help advance your reading ability and literature analysis.

### Summer Reading Log

- ❖ For each book you begin, fill out the required information on the log.
- ❖ Make sure you complete the reading log as you finish a book.

### → 📖 Ten Book Challenge 📖 ←

*Students who read TEN or more novels this summer will have successfully completed the TEN BOOK CHALLENGE and will be eligible for a reward in the fall and on their way to the Excellence in Reading Award in June 2022. All TEN books must be around 200 pages or more. If you want to be eligible for the reward, make sure you are keeping accurate records on your reading log. If you need another log (because you read so many books) just make a copy of the second page of the log, use loose-leaf, or stop by the school office for a blank one.*

## Anticipated Questions

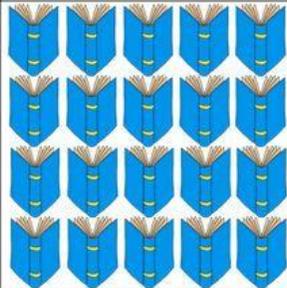
- I am already reading a novel. Can I count it for summer reading?**  
 Yes! Just record what page you are on when summer starts, because you need to read at least 800 pages during the summer.
- I want to read a novel that is 1,000 pages. Do I have to read three other novels?**  
 Nope! As long as you read at least 800 pages this summer, you do not have to purposely select four shorter novels.
- What if I am in the middle of a novel when school starts, but I have read over 800 pages?**  
 Totally fine! As long as you have read 800 or more pages during the summer.
- Can I read 8 novels that are 100 pages?**  
 No! You must be reading novels at your appropriate grade level. See "Choosing Novels" for clarification.
- Do I need to bring the novels to school in September?**  
 No, if your reading log is accurate, and you read and understood the novel, that will be sufficient to complete the activities planned.

**Summary: You need to read 800 or more pages this summer! Your options on how to complete it are flexible.**

### Final Thoughts

How can you do better in ELA? You can read more. Reading will help your writing and vocabulary skills improve, as well as becoming a stronger reader. You will never improve your reading skills if you don't read, and reading is an essential skill to succeed. Hopefully this summer, not only will your reading skills improve, but you will also enjoy what you read. I can't wait to hear all about the books you discovered in the fall!!

## WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If a student starts reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

