

5th Grade Independent Reading Expectations

Summer Reading:

Read a minimum of **3** books at your level **during the summer** and **complete a task** from the list for each book. See the rubric below for grading. (20 pts each)

Due Date for 3 Summer Reading Tasks

- FRIDAY, September 10th, 2021

September-May Reading

Read a minimum of 1 book every 4 weeks and complete a task from the list. Due dates for these will be handed out in September. (20 points each).

Reading Task Rubric (20pts)	
___/5	Completion: Demonstrates evidence of having read the book.
___/5	Detail: Includes details from the book.
___/5	Effort: Demonstrates effort, neatness, care, and creativity.
___/5	Grammar/Conventions: Has clearly been revised and edited.
___/20	TOTAL

Book Choice Requirements

Choose books at your current reading level - this will change over the course of the year (*See the 5th grade reading recommendations document for links to book lists and a search-by-reading-level website. Communicate with your teacher/librarian if you need help finding a good fit.*)

Choose books from a minimum of **2 different genres** throughout the year

Battle of the Books

If you would like to participate in the Battle of the Books competition in the spring, please read a minimum of 4 books from the Battle of the Books list as your independent reading books. You do not need to decide about participating until Nov/Dec and teams will not be made until January. However, if you think you may be interested it is a good idea to read a few of the books over the summer when you have more time. We will be battling St. Clare again in the spring. Please see the Battle of the Books tab on the students page of the school website for the book lists.

Tips

- You should be reading every day!
- As soon as you finish a book, complete a task and turn it in, then move on to a new book.
- Reading a book a month is just the minimum, read...read...read!

5th/6th Grade Reading Task Choices

For all tasks, include **specific details** and show **evidence** that you read the whole book. Include page numbers when using quotes. The same task may be used for a **maximum of 3 books**.

1. **Character Interview:** Pretend you are a talk show host and interview your favorite character. Include at least **10 questions**. This can be written down, “podcast” style, or a video. The answers to the questions should come from the character’s point of view and include detail. They should be about **2-3 sentences** each. Avoid yes/no questions.
2. **Character Description:** Describe a character from the book in **detail**. Include a physical description, likes/dislikes, and at least 3 problems the character faces **and** how they are resolved. Include an illustration of the character. **Please use complete sentences.**
3. **Character Comparison:** Compare and contrast two characters in the story. This should be **2 paragraphs that include specific details** from the book. For example if you say someone is rude, give an example of them being rude.
4. **Comic Strip:** Condense the book into a comic strip. Tell the whole story in a **minimum of 10 events**. Make sure to include **detail** from the story. Each frame should have **1-2 sentences minimum**.
5. **Book Jacket:** Design a new book jacket for the book. Include a cover picture with the title and author, a paragraph summary of the book including **at least 5 details**, and a **description of 3 main characters**.
6. **Poster:** Create a poster. The poster should include: title, author, setting, description of characters, and 10 plot events. **Use detail and complete sentences.**
7. **Movie Trailer:** Create a movie trailer of your book. **Include 10 details from the book** and it’s ok to have spoilers. iMovie is great for this but sometimes doesn’t leave room for enough detail so feel free to make your own as well.
8. **Crossword:** Make a crossword puzzle using characters, events, and other words from the book. Include at least **15 words with descriptions**. The clues need to be specific to the book so that only someone who has read the book would know the answer. For example if you read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and your word was *apple* then your clue could be *the fruit the caterpillar eats on Monday*. Save your crossword as a PDF to turn it in.
(http://www.printablecrosswordmaker.com/crossword_maker/crossword_maker.jsp)
9. **Word Search:** Make a word search including 15 characters, events, or other relevant words from the book. For each word, provide a **1 sentence description**. Make sure the description is specific to the book, not a general definition. *See example in the crossword assignment above.
10. **Movie Compare/Contrast:** If you read a book that has been made into a movie, watch the movie and compare and contrast the movie and the book. **This should be 2 paragraphs.**
11. **Astrology:** Choose 5 characters from the book and explain which astrology sign you think they would be and why (you may need to research astrology signs). Use **specific examples from the book**.

12. **Board Game:** Create a board game using the characters and at least **10 events from the book**. Use detail. You may turn in photos of your board game or take a video of yourself explaining the game.
13. **Reader's Theater:** Condense the story into a short reader's theater script. Include at **least 10 events with details**.
14. **Book Talk:** Do a 2 minute book talk video. Include the title, author, a description of the characters and the plot. Include **at least 10 events/details**.
15. **Book Alphabet:** Write a sentence that relates to the book using each letter of the alphabet (Example: "A is for the poisoned Apple that the Witch gives to Snow White. B is for Bashful, one of the 7 dwarves who is easily embarrassed and hides behind his beard." (If some letters are too challenging, use them in the middle of a word instead). Use complete sentences.
16. **Playlist:** Create a playlist of **at least 10 songs** that go with important moments in the book. For each song, **explain the event and why** you chose that song to represent it.
17. **Puppet Show:** Create a puppet show video of the book including **at least 10 events**.
18. **Song:** Write new lyrics to a well-known tune. In the song, include **at least 10 events and the main characters**. Feeling brave? Perform or record your song!
19. **Questions/Answers:** As you read, compose a list of 50 content questions and answers (Ex. What is Cody's favorite flavor of ice cream? *Mint*) This task is great for OBOB books. **Questions may NOT have yes/no answers**.
20. **Diary:** Choose a character and create 3-5 diary entries written from their perspective. Write about a minimum of **3 main events** in the book.
21. **Timeline:** Make a timeline of **at least 10 main events** in the book. Include details from each event.
22. **Scrapbook:** Create a physical or digital scrapbook of the story from the viewpoint of one of the characters. Include at least **10 entries with detail**.
23. **Collage:** Use magazine clippings or other photos and/or illustrations to create a collage for the book. Include at least **10 written descriptions** of events, characters, or scenes from the book.
24. **Quiz:** Write a multiple choice quiz with a minimum of 20 questions (include answer key).
25. **Sequel:** Write a 1 paragraph summary of your book and a minimum 1 paragraph plot for a sequel that you make up. Include detail in both.
26. **Setting/Plot Map:** Draw an overhead view of the setting of the story and mark **10 locations with details** about what happened at each location.
27. **Choice Option:** Something else you want to do? Speak with Mrs. Morgan well in advance of the due date.

5th Grade Recommended Reading Lists

2021-2022 Battle of the Books Lists

<https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/2021-2022-obob-title-lists/>

America Battle of the Books Lists

<https://www.battleofthebooks.org/book-list/>

Past Oregon Battle of the Books Lists

<https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/obob-archives/>

Goodreads

<https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/5th-grade>

Great Schools

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/favorite-books-for-fifth-graders/>

Common Sense Media

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/lists/best-books-for-fifth-graders>

Other Helpful Resources

Search by Reading Level or Grade

<https://hub.lexile.com/find-a-book/search>

STM School Library Search

<https://stmpdx.follettdestiny.com>