

# 6<sup>th</sup> 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	<b>Completion:</b> Demonstrates evidence of having read the book.
___/5	<b>Detail:</b> Includes details from the book.
___/5	<b>Effort:</b> Demonstrates effort, neatness, care, and creativity.
___/5	<b>Grammar/Conventions:</b> Has clearly been revised and edited.
___/20	<b>TOTAL</b>

## Book Choice Requirements

Choose books at your current reading level - this will change over the course of the year (*See the 6th grade reading recommendations document for links to book lists and a search-by-reading-level website. Communicate with your teachers if you need help finding a good fit.*)

Choose at least one book from each of the following four genres:

- Historical Fiction
- Biography
- Fantasy
- Mystery/Suspense

## 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 **STM Battle of the Books list** on the students page of the school website for the book titles.

## 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](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.

## **6th Grade Recommended Reading 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/middle-school>

### **Great Schools**

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/favorite-books-for-6th-graders/>

### **Common Sense Media**

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