

4th & 5th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Book Report Format

Cover

Include your name, author, illustration of book (hand-made or printed)

Introduction

Things to include in the introduction:

- The title (underlined) and the author of the book
- Why you chose the book?
- What kind of story is it? (realistic fiction, historical fiction, fantasy, mystery, science fiction)

Body

In this section you want to describe the main parts of the story: theme, setting, plot, and characters. Then, you give your opinions about the book.

- **The Theme** is the main idea of the story. Some examples might be the importance of friendship or how to be courageous in a difficult situation. Tell what you think the theme is and cite the evidence from the story that you think supports your answer.
- **The Setting** is the time and place of the story. Is it set a long time ago or now? Does it take place in another country or in an imaginary place? How much time passes in the story – a day? A year? A lifetime?
- **The Plot** is what happens. You want to tell what the story is mostly about. What is the main event or conflict? What things lead up to it? What happens as a result? Be careful not to retell the whole story in detail or give away the ending.
- **The Characters** are who the story is about. The main character is called the protagonist. Who are the others important characters? Do they help or hinder the protagonist?
- Once you have described the main parts of the story, you can tell what you think about it. You can write about any opinions you have. Some questions you might want to answer are:
 - o Did you like the story? Why or why not?
 - o What was the best part of the book? Why?
 - o How did the story make you feel? Did you feel different things at different points in the story?
 - o What new things did you learn from this book?

Conclusion

This is just a sentence or two to sum up your report. Give your overall opinion of the book and the most important thing you want other people to know about it.