

# **10th Grade**

# **Summer Work**

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Hello!

In preparation for 10th grade, your scholar will complete a book report. During the school year, we will read a variety of texts and practice different types of writing. This project will prepare them by allowing them to demonstrate their understanding of texts and its themes, develop their writing skills, and practice critical thinking.

**You are not required to buy the book and all books on the list can be found at any Enoch Pratt Free Library.**

**Choose 1 book from the list below**

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

The Mists of Avalon by Marion Zimmer Bradley

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

His Majesty's Dragon by Naomi Novik

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea Jules Verne

My Life in Dog Years by Gary Paulsen

**Choose one of the following ways to do your book report**

- Diary
  - This report will consist of 5 diary entries and a cover for the diary.
    - Each diary entry should be at least 10 sentences.
    - Each diary entry should be from the perspective of the main character.
    - The entries should cover events from the beginning to the end of the book.
    - Think about the major events of the book, the mood of the characters, and how they might feel about other people in the book.
- Poster/Visual Representation
  - This report will consist of a poster and 2 paragraphs.
    - Your poster should include visual representations of characters, events, and other key elements from the book.
    - Your 2 paragraphs should explain what each item represents from your poster and why you chose to include them.

- Book Review
  - This report will consist of 3 paragraphs.
    - Your first paragraph should be a summary of the book. The summary should cover the ENTIRE book from beginning to end. Think about the most important characters and events.
    - Your second paragraph should talk about what you like about the book and why you would recommend it to others.
    - Your third paragraph should discuss what you disliked about the book and questions that you would like to ask the author.

### **Paragraph Requirements**

- Each paragraph should consist of 7 sentences.
  - Please don't stop at 7 sentences if it doesn't completely answer the prompt.
- Please use the following checklist to check your writing:
  - Spelling: Use the internet, a guardian, or a dictionary to check your spelling.
  - Capitalization: Check the 1st letter of the sentence, names, places, and titles of books.
  - Punctuation: Check that you used a period, exclamation point, and question mark when appropriate.