

Summer Reading Assignment for Incoming 12th-grade English Students

Hello!

In preparation for 12th 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 their themes, develop their writing skills, and practice critical thinking.

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

Choose 1 book from the list below:

- *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
- *Sula* by Toni Morrison (1973)
- *Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- *The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson
- *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid

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

1. Reading Journal

This report will consist of 5 diary entries and a cover for the diary.

- Each journal entry should be at least 12-15 sentences.
- Each journal 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 significant events of the book, the mood of the characters, and how they might feel about other people in the book.

2. Poster/Visual Representation

This report will consist of a poster and a 4-paragraph essay.

- Your poster should include visual representations of characters, events, and other key elements from the book.
- Your 4-paragraph essay should explain what each item on your poster represents and why you chose to include them.

3. Book Review

This report will consist of a 4-paragraph essay.

- **First paragraph:** Provide a summary of the book, covering the entire narrative from beginning to end. Include the most important characters and events.
- **Second paragraph:** Discuss what you liked about the book and why you would recommend it to others.
- **Third paragraph:** Discuss what you disliked about the book and questions that you would like to ask the author.
- **Fourth paragraph:** Analyze the themes of the book and how they relate to contemporary issues or personal experiences.

Essay Requirements:

- Each paragraph should consist of at least 7 sentences.
- Please don't stop at 7 sentences if it doesn't completely answer the prompt.

Writing Checklist:

- **Spelling:** Use the internet or a dictionary to check your spelling.
 - **Punctuation:** Check that you used a period, exclamation point, and question mark when appropriate. Grammar, spelling, and punctuation will all be evaluated.
 - **Length Requirement:** Is your assignment the required four paragraphs?
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