

# SUMMER READING PROJECT AND LIST



# GOALS FOR SUMMER READING

## Required Book

- Read required book for your incoming grade
- Write a paragraph response to the essential question, "What is the theme of this book?", on a Google Doc. See slides 4-6
- Be prepared to turn in your paragraph on the first day of school.

## Free Choice Books

- Choose a book of your choice from the list provided on slides 10-12
- Follow the instructions for a Google slide presentation for your book.
- Eagles will choose 1 book and Honors will choose 2 books.
- You will present the first week back to school.

# REQUIRED BOOKS

6th

Grade is  
*Restart*

7th

Grade is  
*Farmer  
Boy*

8th

Grade is  
*The Old  
Man and  
the Sea*

**USING THE FORMAT ON SLIDE 5  
WRITE A PARAGRAPH  
RESPONSE FOR YOUR NOVEL  
ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING  
ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS, “WHAT  
IS THE THEME OF THIS  
NOVEL?”**

**APPLY YOUR SKILLS YOU LEARNED FROM  
EVIDENCE BASED WRITING DUE THE FIRST DAY OF  
SCHOOL**

# EB Writing Framework Paragraph Elements

notes chart

Paragraph Element	What is it?	What does it do?
<b>Hook</b>	The first sentence of your response, meant to capture your reader's attention.	This sentences draws in the reader, so they want to continue reading your response.
<b>Claim</b>	If you are responding to an essential question, then it is your answer to this question. It is what you are setting out to prove in your response.	It tells the reader your overall position. It also provides a focus for your response, as all the elements of your paragraph are ultimately focused on supporting your claim.
<b>Premise</b>	A reason that supports your claim.	This shows the reader why you believe your claim is true.
<b>Intro to Evidence</b>	When done effectively, it usually uses two sentences. One is a sentence that provides a little background information on the evidence the reader is about to read. The other uses a statement such as "According to" or "The author states" to introduce a direct quote from the text.	The first part gives readers information to help them understand the context of the evidence they are about to read. The second part tells the reader where the evidence came from.
<b>Evidence</b>	A quote from the text that gives validity to the premise and supports the claim.	This reinforces your premise and shows the reader that your premise strongly supports your claim.
<b>Justification</b>	2-3 sentences that explain how your evidence supports your premise and your claim.	This shows the reader <b>why</b> they should take your evidence as support for your position.

Responding to a Topic

# Response to a Topic

## Short Response Rubric

Performance	Inadequate 1	Developing 2	Adequate 3	Accomplished 4	Mastery 5
<b>Hook (x2)</b>  _____/10	Confusing or missing opening line(s)	Undeveloped or irrelevant opening line(s)	Simple or hackneyed opening line(s); may be relevant but does not hook reader	Appealing and effective hook	Innovative, appealing, and highly effective hook
<b>Justification (x3)</b>  _____/15	No justification of evidence; pure summary of evidence	Little or insufficient discussion of or connection to claim and premise(s)	Establishes ability to justify and connect evidence, but justification is vague	Provides generally thoughtful, strong justification of evidence	Provides sharp justification that explores the significant components (claim and premise)
<b>Mechanics and Format (x1)</b>  _____/5	Elements of spelling, grammar, and punctuation are misunderstood	Substantial and confusing spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors that sometimes hinder ideas; constant error patterns	Errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation, but basic ideas are clear; may have one error in formatting	Infrequent, trivial errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation, but ideas are unblemished; observes the formatting guidelines	Few or no errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation; varied array of sentence construction and vocabulary; observes the formatting guidelines

**Total Points:** \_\_\_\_\_/30

# READING PROJECT GUIDELINES

On Google Slides, create a presentation over the free choice book (s) you read for outside reading.

Slide 1: Write a summary of the plot. Add at least 1 images that relate to your response (minimum of 4 sentences).

Slide 2: Who was your favorite character? Why do you like this character? Add at least 1 images that relate to your response. (minimum of 4 sentences).

Slide 3: What is a theme of the book? In a separate textbox add a quote that is evidence of that theme and explain why it reflects the theme. Add at least 1 images that relate to your response. (minimum of 4 sentences. This does not include the quote).

Slide 4: What is your review of the book? Would you recommend it and why? What did you like about the author's style? (minimum of 5 sentences)

\* Be familiar with your slides and be prepared to do a 1-3 minute presentation.

Your delivery should be clear, expressive, with frequent eye contact and with minimal "filler words ("um," "uh," "you know," "like," etc)

Eagles will have 1 presentation for their free choice book.

Honors will have 2 presentations for both of their free choice books, included in one Google slide doc.

# RUBRIC

4	<p>Your work has <u>ALL</u> of these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Followed the instructions for each slide and provided all the requirements.</li><li>● Wrote in complete sentences with few mechanical errors.</li><li>● Responses reflected a clear understanding and knowledge of the book.</li><li>● Slides were put together in a neat and professional looking manner.</li><li>● Presentation showed a confident, few filler words and great eye contact.</li></ul>
3	<p>Your work has a problem with one of these, or has a <u>small</u> problem with a few of them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Followed the instructions for each slide and provided all the requirements.</li><li>● Wrote in complete sentences with few mechanical errors.</li><li>● Responses reflected a clear understanding and knowledge of the book.</li><li>● Slides were put together in a neat and professional looking manner.</li><li>● Presentation showed a confident, few filler words and great eye contact.</li></ul>
2	<p>Your work has a problem with <u>two</u> of these, or has a mix of problems with a few of them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Followed the instructions for each slide and provided all the requirements.</li><li>● Wrote in complete sentences with few mechanical errors.</li><li>● Responses reflected a clear understanding and knowledge of the book.</li><li>● Slides were put together in a neat and professional looking manner.</li><li>● Presentation showed a confident, few filler words and great eye contact.</li></ul>
1	<p>Your work has a problem with <u>three</u> of these or has a mix of problems with several items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Followed the instructions for each slide and provided all the requirements.</li><li>● Wrote in complete sentences with few mechanical errors.</li><li>● Responses reflected a clear understanding and knowledge of the book.</li><li>● Slides were put together in a neat and professional looking manner.</li><li>● Presentation showed a confident, few filler words and great eye contact.</li></ul>



# MYSTERY & ADVENTURE

*Sherlock Holmes and the Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle 4.9 AR quiz

*Nancy Drew and the Secret of the Old Clock* by Carolyn Keene 5.0 AR quiz

*The Hardy Boys: Ghost Stories* by Franklin W. Dixon 5.0 AR quiz

*Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library* By Chris Grabenstein 4.5 AR Quiz (Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*Moon Over Manifest* By Clare Vanderpool 5.3 AR Quiz (In All Saints library)

*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin 5.3 AR Quiz (Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart 5.6 AR quiz (recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*Holes* by Louis Sachar 4.6 AR quiz

# FICTION

*Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper 4.3 AR quiz  
(Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle 4.7 AR quiz  
(Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*Navigating Early* by Clare Vanderpool 5.2 AR quiz (In All Saints library)

*The Hunger Games (The Hunger Games, #1)* by Suzanne Collins 5.3 AR quiz (In All Saints library)

*The Ruins of Gorlan (Ranger's Apprentice, #1)* by John Flanagan 7 AR quiz (In All Saints library)

*The False Prince (Ascendance, #1)* by Jennifer A. Nielsen 5.1 AR quiz (In All Saints library)

*Pax* by Sara Pennypacker 5.3 AR quiz (Ms. Blase recommendation)

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott 7.9 AR Quiz  
(Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*The Invisible Man* by HG Wells 7.7 AR Quiz (Mr. Heller recommendation)

*Goodbye, Mr. Chips* by James Hilton 6.5 AR Quiz (Mr. Heller recommendation)

# FICTION

*Twelve Angry Men* by Reginald Rose (Mr. Heller recommendation)

*Our Town* by Thornton Wilder 3.8 AR Quiz (Mr. Heller recommendation)

*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho 6.4 AR Quiz (Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson 4.6 AR Quiz (Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell 5.4 (Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*Lunch Money* by Andrew Clements 5.2 (Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg 4.7 (Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert O'Brien 5.1 (Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*Tales of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo (Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan 4.7 (Recommended by Ms. Ponthie)

# SERIES/BIOGRAPHIES AND BETA CLUB

## Series

*Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling 7

books total 5.5 to 7.9

(Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*Love Comes Softly* by Janette Oke

8 books total 5.1-6.0

(Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

*Canadian West Saga* by Janette

Oke 8 books total 5.1-6.0

(Recommended by Mrs. Flores)

## Beta Club Battle of the Books

### Selection

*Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of*

*Amelia Earhart* by Candace Fleming Brown

*Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson

*City Spies (Book #1)* by James Ponti

*Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan

Sonnenblick

*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

*Ground Zero* by Alan Gratz

*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

*Barnhill*

*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

*When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria

Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

## Biography and Autobiography

*I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai 7.1 AR quiz (In All Saints library)

*Death Be Not Proud* by John Gunther 8.0 AR Quiz (Mr. Heller recommendation)

*A Millennial in Paradise* by Fr. Will Conquer (Mr. Gresik recommendation)

*Saint Benedict: The Story of the Father of the Western Monks* by Mary Fabian Windeatt (Mr. Gresik recommendation)

*Saint John Masias: Marvelous Dominican Gatekeeper of Lima, Peru* by Mary Fabian Windeatt (Mr. Gresik recommendation)