



Fifth Grade Summer Reading List



Hello and welcome to Fifth Grade Reading. You will have fun this summer visiting countries from around the world in the amazing world of books.

Read Around the World – Your passport to a summer reading adventure!

1.) Read two books from the list below

BOOK	AUTHOR
A Stranger Came Ashore	Mollie Hunter
The Wanderer	Sharon Creech
I, Juan de Pareja	Elizabeth de Trevino
Journey to Jo'Burg	Beverly Naidoo
The Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling
A Single Shard	Linda Sue Park
Secret of the Andes	Ann Nolan Clark
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Eleanor Coerr

2.) Write a book report for each book. The format and directions for the book report is attached to this reading list. Please **READ** all of the directions **CAREFULLY!**

Please be prepared to turn in both book reports during the first week of school.

Have a wonderful summer!

Saint John Academy 5th Grade Teacher



Writing the Book Report

You will be writing a five paragraph book report on the two books you read from the summer reading list. Your paragraphs should consist of at least 3 sentences. The report must be typed using Times New Roman, point-12 font size, and include your name and date in the top right hand corner. Please take the time to revise and edit your book report for content, grammar, and spelling. The following is the content you must include in your book reports.

Introduction: The introduction will be one paragraph and will include the following.

- **Title:** Underline the title of the book.
- **Author:** Write the author's name exactly as it appears on the book's cover.
- **Setting:** Describe when and where the story takes place.
- **Characters:** Name the main characters of the book and describe a little bit about them.

Body: The body will be two paragraphs. The two paragraphs will summarize the plot of the book in chronological order. Remember, do not give away the ending of the story and do not report on every single event that happens. Pick only the most important events. Here are some hints on how to do that. First, explain the situation of the main character as the story begins. Next, explain if the main character is trying to achieve something or overcome a particular problem. Third, describe a few of the more important things that happen to the main character as he/she works toward that goal or solution. Finally, you might hint at the story's conclusion without completely giving away the ending.

Conclusion: The conclusion will be two paragraphs and will include the following.

- **Theme:** The first paragraph in the conclusion will state the theme or life lesson of the story. The theme is the idea that summarizes the whole book or is the life lesson that applies to all who read the book. For example, the importance of friendship might be a theme of a story. Here are some hints on how to write this paragraph. First, state the main idea or lesson you learned in the story. Next, explain how the story illustrates this main idea or teaches this lesson you learned.
- **Personal Opinion:** The second and final paragraph of your book report will state your personal opinion of the book. Explain whether or not you liked the book and give reasons why. When you explain why, you must be very specific by using examples from the book. Here are some hints on how to write your personal opinion paragraph. First, describe how did you felt about the author's style of writing or if you related to any of the characters of the book. Next, choose an example from the book that led to your opinion.