**Englewood on the Palisades Charter School**

**Summer Reading Assignment**

**Middle School ELA**

**2024-2025**

1. Middle School Students (6th, 7th and 8th Grade): you will be required to to read **ONE** book either from the recommended book list (refer to page 2) *OR* a book of your choice (needs to be grade level).

2. Students are then required to complete a **Digital Book Report** using guide questions that support reading comprehension (Refer to page 3).

**Digital Book Report Overview**

• Students will create a Google Slides presentation.

• Answer all the questions stated in the directions.

• You may use bullet points in your slides, however your writing should be in complete sentences.

• The presentation is due by the first day of school.

**You will get directions on the first day of school as to how to submit your projects.**

\*\*This assignment will count as your first project grade!\*\*

**Directions:**

Every slide should include a typed explanation of each question. You may include pictures that are related to the novel.

1. **Slide #1: Title** 
   1. Include the name of the novel, author, and your name on the slide.
   2. Include cover image
2. **Slide #2: Summary**
   1. Give a one to two paragraph summary of the novel (in your own words).
3. **Slide #3: Character Development**
   1. Who is the main character and what are some of their characteristics?
      1. Use evidence from the story to support your answer.
   2. How does the character change throughout the story?
      1. Use evidence from the story to support your answer.
4. **Slide #4: Quote**
   1. Provide a significant quote from the story and choose a picture that represents what the quote means to you.
      1. Include a caption that explains what the quote means to you.
5. **Slide #5: Rating**
   1. How would you rate this book on a scale of 1-5 (5 being the best)?
   2. Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not?

**\*\*Remember to be creative - you will need different colors, fonts, slide transitions, etc. to show creativity!**

**Digital Book Report Rubric**

Use the rubric below as a checklist to ensure you have included everything that is required for your project. Good luck and have fun!

|  | Possible Points | Points  Earned |
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| **Title Slide:**   * Has name of novel and author * Has student name * Included a cover image | 5 |  |
| **Slides:**   * Each slide is completed * Evidence is provided where needed | 5 |  |
| **Grammar/Spelling:**   * Students used proper grammatical and mechanical skills * Words are spelled correctly * Work is edited before submitting | 5 |  |
| **Presentation and Creativity:**   * Information on slides are clearly stated and easy to read * Pictures and explanations are not crowded * Students used different colors, fonts, slide, etc. to show creativity | 5 |  |
| **Total Points Possible/Points Earned** | 20 |  |

**Suggested Reading List**

**Grades 6-8**

**6th Grade**

* *When You Reach Me* – Rebecca Stead (Mystery)
* *Small Spaces* – Katherine Arden (Mystery/Horror)
* *The Call of the Wild* – Jack London (Classic)
* *Holes* – Louis Sachar (Mystery)
* *Black Beauty* – Anna Sewell (Classic)
* *Space Case* – Stuart Gibbs (Science Fiction)
* *My Side of the Mountain* – Jean Craighead George (Adventure)
* *Out of My Mind* – Sharon Draper (Diverse)
* *Tiger Eyes* – Judy Blume (Family)
* *The Dark is Rising* – Susan Cooper (Fantasy)
* *Princess Academy* – Shannon Hale (School Story)
* *The Cricket in Times Square* – George Seldon (Animal Story)
* *I Hadn’t Meant to Tell You This* – Jaqueline Woodson (School Story)
* *Escape From Mr. Limoncello’s Library* – Chris Grabenstein (Humor/Mystery)
* *Chains* – Laurie Halse Anderson (Diverse/Historical)
* *Midnight Without a Moon* – Linda Williams Jackson (Diverse/Historical)
* *Brown Girl Dreaming* – Jacqueline Woodson (Diverse/Historical)
* *Ghost* – Jason Reynolds (Diverse)
* *Awkward* – Svetlana Chmakova (Graphic Novel)
* *To Catch A Cheat* – Varian Johnson (Mystery)
* *The Graveyard Book* – Neil Gaiman (Fantasy/Horror)
* *The Lemonade War* – Jacqueline Davies (Family)

**7th Grade**

* *New Kid* – Jerry Craft (Graphic Novel)
* *A Place to Belong* – Cynthia Kadohata (Historical)
* *Tuck Everlasting* – Natalie Babbitt (Fantasy)
* *The Westing Game* – Ellen Raskin (Mystery)
* *The Wednesday Wars* – Gary D.Schmidt (Historical)
* *The Crossover* – Kwame Alexander (Narrative Fiction)
* *The Book Thief* – Markus Zusak (Historical/Fantasy)
* *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* – Kelly Barnhill (Fantasy)
* *Snow White* – Matt Phelan (Graphic Novel)
* *Trials of Apollo* – Rick Riordan (Mythical)
* *Where the Red Fern Grows* – Wilson Rawls (Classic)
* *The Land of Stories* – Chris Colfer (Fantasy)
* *Sea of Trolls* – Nancy Farmer (Epic)
* *Brian’s Winter* – Gary Paulsen (Adventure)
* *The Girl With the Ghost Machine* – Lauren DeStefano (Sci Fi )
* *The School for Good and Evil* – Soman Chainani (Fantasy)
* *Homecoming* – Cynthia Voight (Young Adult)
* *Counting by Sevens* – Holly Goldberg Sloan (Diverse)
* *Nothing by the Truth* – Avi (Realistic Fiction)
* *River Thunder* – Will Hobbs (Adventure)
* *Crown by Three* – JD Rhinehart (Fantasy)
* *Loot* – Jude Watson (Mystery)
* *The Maze Runner* – James Dashner (Fantasy)
* *The Absolute Value of Mike* – Kathryn Erskine (Diverse)

**8th Grade**

* *Hope Was Here* – Joan Bauer (Fiction)
* My Family and Other Animals – Gerald Durrell (Humor)
* *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* – Sherman Alexie (Classic)
* *Go Tell It on the Mountain* – James Baldwin (Autobiographical)
* *2001* *A Space Odyssey* – Arthur Clarke (Sci Fi)
* *Lord Jim* – Joseph Conrad (Fiction)
* *Daughters of Smoke and Bone* – Laini Taylor (Fantasy)
* *Life of Pi* – Yann Martel (Fantasy)
* *The Other Side of Truth* – Beverley Naidoo (Realistic Fiction)
* *Nimona* – Noelle Stevenson (Historical)
* *Parrot in the Oven* – Victor Martinez (Fiction)
* *Frankenstein* – Mary Shelley (Horror)
* *Mosquitoland* – David Arnold (Fiction)
* *The 5th Wave* – Rick Yancey (Sci Fi)
* *The One and Future King* – TH White (Fantasy)
* *The Boys Who Challenged Hilter* – Phillip Hoose (Historical)