



Mandatory Summer Reading for 6th Grade IB

Part of the requirements for the IB Program is to complete Summer Reading. You will choose a fiction book that you will enjoy reading. You will complete Part 1 and Part 2 (described below). On the first Friday school resumes in August, you will turn in your report and book cover, which is a test grade. You will also present your project during class. Please email me during the summer if you have questions.

Part 1 What to Include in Your Report:

Choose a fiction book that you will enjoy reading for a report. It must have at least 150 pages and be a book that you have not previously read.

Your report must include the following story elements:

Title, Author, and Number of Pages

Example: **Title:** *Because of Winn-Dixie* **Author:** Kate DiCamillo **Number of Pages:** 182 pages

Setting

Where and when does the story take place? (city, country, time period, etc.)

Main Character(s)

Who is the main character? What are they like? Do they change during the story?

Supporting Character(s)

Who helps or supports the main character?

Plot Summary

Write 1 paragraph (6-8 sentences) about what happens in the story from beginning to end.

Conflict

What problem does the main character face? Is it an external conflict or an internal conflict?

Climax

What is the turning point of the story when the conflict is resolved and the main character reaches their goal?

Theme

What lesson does the character (and maybe the reader) learn? What is the story really about?

The report will consist of the story elements **in the above order!** Please remember to write in complete sentences and label each part on your notebook paper. The final copy must be neatly handwritten (printed) in blue or black ink. (Do not write on the back side of the paper.) **Cut apart your notebook paper and glue the elements inside the book cover.**



Part 2:  **Design a 3D Book Cover!**

As part of your book report, you will **create your own book cover** for the story you read. This is a fun way to show off your creativity and share your book with others!

 **Here's what to do:**

1. **Get a piece of poster board** and cut it to **18 inches long and 12 inches tall**.
2. **Fold it in half** like a real book so that the front cover measures **9 inches wide and 12 inches tall**.
3. Your cover must be **three-dimensional** (3D). That means you should add things that stick out or pop off the page—like buttons, yarn, foam shapes, or craft items.
4. **Glue everything on well** so nothing falls off!
5. Make sure your cover is **neat, colorful, and creative**—it will be on display during **Open House**, so do your best!
6. Think about the main character, setting, or big moments in the story when designing your cover. Have fun and show what your book is all about!

Rubric:  **Written Book Report and 3D Book Cover is on the following page.**



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Part 1 Criteria Written Book Report	Points	Score
Title, Author, and Number of Pages – Clearly written and accurate	5 pts	
Setting – Time and place described clearly	5 pts	
Main Character(s) – Describes who they are and how they change	10 pts	
Supporting Character(s) – Describes their role and how they stay the same	5 pts	
Plot Summary – Written in one paragraph, shows full story understanding	10 pts	
Conflict – Describes both internal and/or external problems	10 pts	
Climax – Explains the turning point of the story	5 pts	
Theme – Explains the lesson learned or message of the story	5 pts	
Neatness & Effort – Complete sentences, neat handwriting, follows directions	5 pts	
Part 2 Criteria 3D Book Cover	Points	Score
Correct Size and Folded Properly – 18” x 12” folded to 12” x 9”	5 pts	
Creative and Original Design – Shows effort and imagination	10 pts	
3D Elements Used – Cover includes items that stick out or have texture	10 pts	
Book Content Reflected in Design – Shows important parts of the book (characters, theme, setting, etc.)	10 pts	
Neatness & Construction – Well put together, items are secure	5 pts	

Total Score _____

Teacher Comments
