

**The School District of Newberry County
2022 Middle School Summer Reading Program**



Task: All Middle School students are expected to read during the summer to continue to grow academically. Just like an athlete trains, we read to keep our skills sharp.

Why read?

- Reading is important because it develops the mind; it leads us to discover new things, and it helps to develop the imagination.
- Reading is fundamental in today's society.
- Reading is a vital skill in finding a new job. Many well-paying jobs require reading as a part of job performance.
- Reading is important because words – spoken and written – are the building blocks of life.

Requirements:

1. **Choose a book** from books that interest you. You may choose from Fiction or Nonfiction texts.
2. **Read Your Book!** Limit distractions while you read so that you can ask questions, make connections, visualize, and synthesize the information.
3. **Respond to your book!** All students should complete **one** activity based on the genre of their book from either of the choices below to demonstrate their summer reading. You will bring these with you to your Middle School teacher for the next school year.

Fiction Book Task:

Provide a summary of your book by determining how the author developed the theme and provide text evidence to support your answer. You may select **one** task below to create your summary.

- **Slideshow** - Create a slideshow that provides a summary and states the theme and text evidence to support your theme. (Animoto, Photoshop, Photostory, iMovie, MovieMaker)
- **Electronic Notes** - Create a collection of notes/pictures about the theme of your book to include text evidence to support your theme and a summary of the book.
- **Book Review** - Create a book review. Include a summary, the theme of the book, 3 reasons why you liked or disliked the book, and if you would recommend this book for others and why.
- **Essay** - Create an essay of at least 3 to 5 paragraphs proving a theme from the book and cite evidence to support your theme.

Non-Fiction Book Task:

Provide a summary of your book with a possible central idea and cite key supporting details to analyze their development. You may select **one** task below to create your summary.

- **Presentation** - Create a presentation about the central idea from the book, provide supporting details, and a summary of your book by using one of the following: eMaze, PowToons, Prezi, Sway, Adobe Slate, Slidebean, or PowerPoint/Slide Deck.
- **Posterboard** - Create a poster board on your books' central idea - book title (reference) and pictures, timelines, charts, diagrams, etc. Write a paragraph to describe why you chose the visuals you did as well as unknown facts, your opinions, and causes and effects about your topic. Provide evidence from the text to support your central idea.
- **Collage** - Create a collage of the book's central idea. Include an explanation of each of your picture choices how the picture supports the central idea.
- **Poem** - Create a 16-line poem to include textual evidence/information within the poem to support your central idea.

It is our hope that the discussion of pleasurable reads and related articles will continue to promote lifelong reading habits and allow students to learn from one another. Some of these texts deal with sensitive, mature topics. Parents should help students pick an appropriate title for summer reading.

