



The School District of Newberry County

2021 High School Summer Reading Program

Task: All students should 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. Understanding the written word is one way the mind grows in its ability.
- Reading is fundamental in today's society.
- Reading is a vital skill in finding a new job. Many well-paying jobs require reading as part of job performance.
- Reading is important because words – spoken and written – are the building blocks of life.

Requirements:

1. Choose a book! Find books that interest you. If you would like a suggestion, ask your English teacher or Media Specialist, scan the QR codes below, or visit the school district website for book reviews.

Literary World Wide:

School Library Journal:

SC Book Awards:

ebook Options:



2. Read! 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 from the choice board below to demonstrate their summer reading. Assignments are due by the **second Friday of the new school semester** and will be counted as a **major assessment**.

Dialectical Journal Create a two-column journal with at least 20 quotes in the left column and reactions, reflections, connections in the right column.	Infographic Create an infographic using canva.com, Piktochart, or Venngage to show a summary and analysis of important themes in the novel.	Scrapbook Create a minimum of 5 scrapbook pages to summarize and analyze the themes of the novel. Be sure to include words, pictures, and quotes on EACH page.
Mini-Book Construct a mini-book that could act as a reference source for your novel. Include all the parts of a book: cover, title page, table of contents, glossary, index. Your mini-book might state facts, opinions, themes, etc.	Alternate Ending Write an alternate ending, then explain what you changed from the original and why. Include evidence to support your reasoning throughout the novel.	Chronological Movie Create a digital movie that follows the plot of your novel chronologically and summarizes each chapter of the book. Suggested resources include Animoto, WeVideo, iMovie, or MovieMaker.
Character Journals Write at least 10 journals with at least 2 paragraphs each from a main character's point of view. Write as if the character was keeping a journal through different parts of the story. Use textual evidence and inference skills to write as the character.	Book Trailer Create a book trailer for your novel. Be sure to choose characters to act who can accurately portray the novel's characters and the traits they show.	3D Symbolic Object & Explanation Create a 3D object that symbolizes one of your novel's major themes. Write a one-page explanation that explains the object and how it connects to the novel.

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.