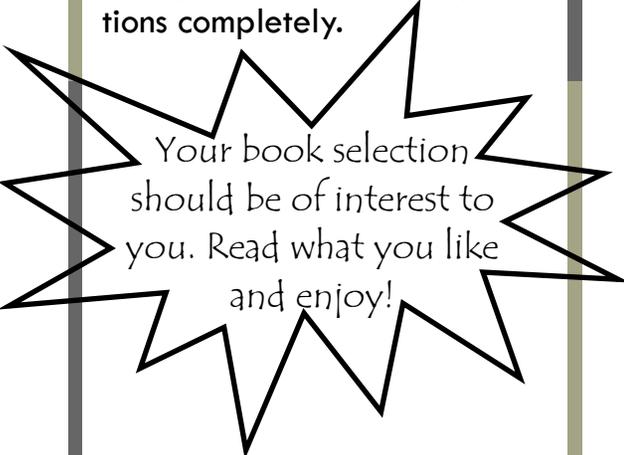


Assessment

All students are required to complete their reading **prior to the start of the school year**. In addition to reading the book, students must complete the Summer Reading Assignment worksheet.

Please be prepared to submit the completed worksheet to your ELA teacher on the first day of school. Write neatly, and answer the questions completely.



Your book selection should be of interest to you. Read what you like and enjoy!

You may read more than one book on this list, but you are only required to complete a worksheet for one of them. Keep track of the additional books that you read, and give the list to your teacher!

Menagerie Tui T. Sutherland and Kari H. Sutherland
In the small town of Xanadu, Wyoming lies the Menagerie, a top secret facility filled with unicorns, dragons, phoenixes, and other fairy tale creatures. At least, it was a secret, until six griffin cubs escaped. If Logan and Zoe don't get the cubs back fast, the entire Menagerie will be shut down. The race is on and the resulting adventure is only the beginning of a thrilling series that will leave readers wanting a magical menagerie of their very own.

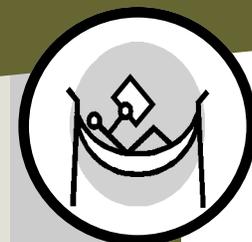
No Talking Andrew Clements
The fifth-grade girls and boys at Laketon Elementary are loud and disorderly. That's why the principal uses her red plastic bullhorn. A lot. Then one day, Dave Packer comes up with an idea to keep quiet for a whole day. But what does Dave hear during lunch? A girl, Lynsey Burgess, jabbering away. So Dave breaks his silence and lobs an insult. And those words spark a contest: Which team can say *the fewest words* during two whole days? And it's the boys against the girls. This funny and surprising book is about language and thought, about words unspoken, words spoken in anger, and especially about the power of words spoken in kindness. It's thought-provoking, true-to-life, and very entertaining.

James and the Giant Peach Roald Dahl
When James accidentally drops some magic crystals by the old peach tree, strange things start to happen. The peach at the top of the tree begins to grow, and before long it's as big as a house. When James discovers a secret entranceway into the fruit and crawls inside, he meets wonderful new friends--the Old-Green-Grasshopper, the dainty Ladybug, and the Centipede with the multiple boots. After years of feeling like an outsider in his aunts' house, James has finally found a place where he belongs. But, with a snip of the stem, the peach household starts rolling away--and the amazing adventure begins!

Legend of the Ghost Dog Elizabeth Cody Kimmel
Twelve-year-old Tee didn't think she believed in ghosts until a walk in the woods around her new rural Alaskan home changes her mind. She and her beagle, Henry, are stalked by a wolfish, decidedly spooky shadow. There's something out there - and it's not of this world. With Henry and new friend Quin in tow, Tee is determined to capture evidence of the ghost and unravel the mystery of its origins. But with every sighting, the ghostly presence of the Shadow seems to gain strength. This ghost dog may pose a real live threat - that is, unless Tee can stop it.

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*Incoming Fifth
Grade*



**2019 Summer
Reading
Assignment**

Book List

Name _____

Book summaries from:

www.goodreads.com, www.lexile.com, www.scholastic.com

Over the summer, incoming fifth graders are required to read **1 book from this book list**. This is your first ELA assignment for fifth grade. This list contains amazing books that are kid tested and approved! We hope to encourage your leisure reading over the summer to bring you enjoyment and keep your reading skills strong. Happy Reading!

The War that Saved My Life Kimberly B. Bradley
An exceptionally moving story of triumph against all odds set during World War 2. Nine-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him. So begins a new adventure of Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read, and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan—and Susan begins to love Ada and Jamie. But in the end, will their bond be enough to hold them together through wartime? Or will Ada and her brother fall back into the cruel hands of their mother?

Gregor the Overlander Suzanne Collins
This irresistible first novel tells the story of a quiet boy, who embarks on a dangerous quest in order to fulfill his destiny, and find his father, in a strange world beneath New York City. When Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room of his apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland, where spiders, rats, and cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans. This world is on the brink of war, and Gregor's arrival is no accident. A prophecy foretells that Gregor has a role to play in the Underland's uncertain future. Gregor wants no part of it -- until he realizes it's the only way to solve the mystery of his father's disappearance. Reluctantly, Gregor embarks on a dangerous adventure that will change both him and the Underland forever.

Swindle Gordon Korman
After a mean collector named Swindle cons him out of his most valuable baseball card, Griffin Bing must put together a band of misfits to break into Swindle's compound and recapture the card. There are many things standing in their way including a menacing guard dog, a high-tech security system, a very secret hiding place, and their general inability to drive—Griffin and his team are going to get back what's rightfully his...even if hijinks ensue.

Out of My Mind Sharon M. Draper
Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates in her integrated classroom - the very same classmates who dismiss her as mentally challenged, because she cannot tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. And she's determined to let everyone know it - somehow. In this story, readers will come to know a brilliant mind and a brave spirit who will change forever how they look at anyone with a disability.

Because of Mr. Terupt Rob Buyea
It's the start of fifth grade for seven kids at Snow Hill School. There's Jessica, the new girl, smart and perceptive, who's having a hard time fitting in; Alexia, a bully, your friend one second, your enemy the next; Peter, class prankster and troublemaker; Luke, the brain; Danielle, who never stands up for herself; shy Anna, whose home situation makes her an outcast; and Jeffrey, who hates school. Only Mr. Terupt, their new and energetic teacher, seems to know how to deal with them all. He makes the classroom a fun place, even if he doesn't let them get away with much . . . until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything—and everyone.

The Hidden Oracle (The Trials of Apollo #1) Rick Riordan
After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. Weak and disorientated, he lands in New York City as a regular teenage boy. Now, without his godly powers, the four-thousand-year-old deity must learn to survive in the modern world until he can somehow find a way to regain Zeus's favor. But Apollo has many enemies—gods, monsters and mortals who would love to see the former Olympian permanently destroyed. Apollo needs help, and he can think of only one place to go... an enclave of modern demigods known as Camp Half-Blood.

Fablehaven Brandon Mull
Danger lurks everywhere at Fablehaven, where someone has released a plague that transforms beings of light into creatures of darkness. In dire need of help, the Sorensons question where to turn, now that long trusted allies have been revealed as potential foes. Kendra embarks on a special mission that only she can attempt because of her new abilities as fairykind, while Seth stays behind and discovers an incredible new talent of his own. The siblings are put to the test as the threat grows both abroad and home at the Fablehaven preserve.

Skinnybones Barbara Parks
Alex Frankovitch is a funny, funny kid. He's got the class clown act down pat, and can't stop the jokes— even in an essay contest for Kitty Fritters (which apparently taste like rubber). What he doesn't have down pat is baseball. He's won Most Improved Player six years running. (He knows this indicates he stinks.) There's a kid in his class, TJ Stoner, a cocky Little League legend whose brother plays for the Atlanta Braves. Alex knows he's gone too far when he brags his way into a battle of skills with TJ. Can blabbermouth Alex talk his way out of this mess?

Raymie Nightingale Kate DiCamillo
Raymie Clarke has come to realize that everything, absolutely everything, depends on her. And she has a plan. If Raymie can win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire competition, then her father, who left town two days ago with a dental hygienist, will see Raymie's picture in the paper and (maybe) come home. To win, not only does Raymie have to do good deeds and learn how to twirl a baton; she also has to contend with the wispy, frequently fainting Louisiana Elefante, who has a show-business background, and the fiery, stubborn Beverly Tapinski, who's determined to sabotage the contest. But as the competition approaches, loneliness, loss, and unanswerable questions draw the three girls into an unlikely friendship — and challenge each of them to come to the rescue in unexpected ways.

The Vet Volunteers (any book in series)
Laurie Halse Anderson
Book 1—A spin-off of the American Girl stories, features 11-year old Maggie, who has been raised by her grandmother since her parents were killed in a car accident. Gran is a veterinarian who owns the Wild at Heart Animal Clinic, where Maggie is a volunteer. The plot centers on a crisis involving 10 sick puppies brought to Gran's clinic. With the help of other teen volunteers at the clinic, she sets out to find the person who is behind the mill and shut it down.

Janitors #1 Tyler Whitesides
Have you ever fallen asleep during math class? Are you easily distracted while listening to your English teacher? Do you find yourself completely uninterested in geography? Well, it may not be your fault. The janitors at Welcher Elementary know a secret, and it's draining all the smarts out of the kids. Twelve-year-old Spencer Zumbro, with the help of his classmate Daisy Gullible Gates, must fight with and against a secret janitorial society that wields wizard-like powers. Who can Spencer and Daisy trust, and how will they protect their school and possibly the world?