

Summer Reading

For all students entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Activities accomplished during the summer are due by September 2, 2011.

Summer is all about fun, so here's what I recommend for your summer reading (and be sure to check out the specific instructions for accomplishing the activities, detailed on page 3):

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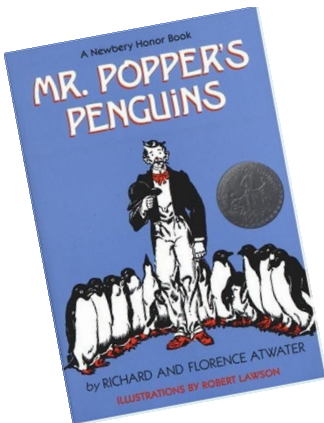
Read a book – *your choice* –
in your Lexile or grade level reading range.*

Do one of the following projects on the CLIMAX or ENDING of the book:
* Book Report * PowerPoint * Game * Computer Game * Song/Poem

AND also read 2 of the following 5 books and do the activities:

2

Read Mr. Popper's Penguins, by Richard & Florence Atwater
Then, **do two** of these three things:**



1. Go see the movie. It comes out in June. Write a perfect paragraph about the movie.
2. Write a perfect paragraph comparing what creates humor in the book and what creates humor in the movie. (Or, if you don't go to see the movie, write about what creates humor in the book.)
3. Look up information on Admiral Drake or the habitat of penguins. Write a perfect paragraph about the information you discover – particularly something that surprised you to find out.

Read Winnie the Pooh or The House at Pooh Corner, by A.A. Milne, illustrator E.H. Shepard (**NOT** the Disney versions – read his original work)
Then, **do two** of these three things:**

1. Go see the movie. It comes out in July. Write a perfect paragraph about the movie.
2. Write a perfect paragraph comparing the differences in the E.H. Shepard's book illustrations to Disney's version of the characters.
3. Read about A.A. Milne or E.H. Shepard, and write a perfect paragraph about something interesting you discover.





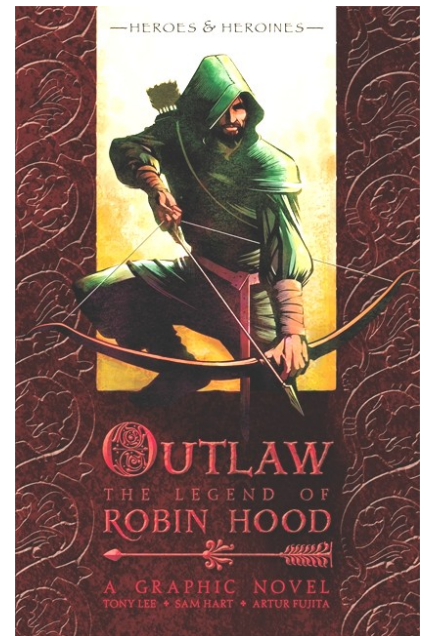
‘Read’ the graphic novel, The Invention of Hugo Cabret, by Brian Selznick (*FYI: the movie comes out in December.*) Then, **do two** of these three things:**

1. Research George Méliès. Write a perfect paragraph about him.
2. Research automatons or the history of mechanical toys. Write a perfect paragraph about them.
3. Explore the www.theinventionofhugocabret.com website. Write a perfect paragraph about what impressions you had of the website.

Read the graphic novel, Outlaw: the Legend of Robin Hood, written by Tony Lee, illustrated by Sam Hart.

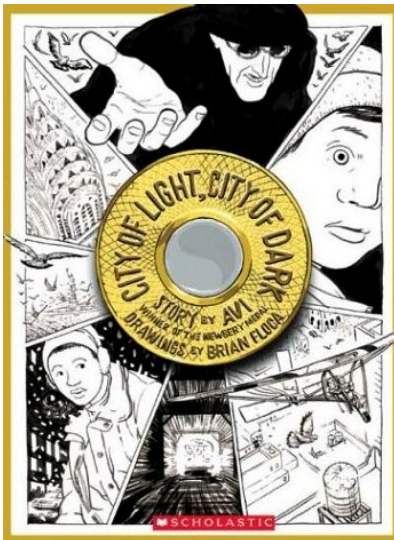
Then, **do two** of these three things:**

1. Research the history of graphic novels. Write a perfect paragraph about it.
2. Using both the story and the addendum, answer in complete sentences: Why did Robin of Loxley become Robin Hood? Why did he choose to fight injustice instead of robbing for his own gain?
3. Write a perfect paragraph about your opinion on the artwork. Does it enhance the story? Does it add to the drama? Why or why not?



Read the graphic novel, City of Light, City of Dark, written by Avi, illustrated by Brian Floca.

Then, **do two** of these three things:**



1. Research the author, Avi. Write a perfect paragraph about interesting information you find out about him. —OR— Research Manhattan Island. Write about interesting information you find and explain why the island is a perfect setting for this story.
2. In a perfect paragraph, explain what superhuman abilities the mysterious energy inside the token holds.
3. Write a perfect paragraph about your opinion on the artwork. Does it enhance the story? Does it add to the drama? Why or why not?

Instructions

Requirements for **Main Project** -

1

Book report should be at least a page.

PowerPoint should have at least 5 slides: title slide, 3 content slides, and a works cited slide.

Game needs to be playable by 2 or more people.

Computer game may be made in Scratch or GameMaker. Must have a Title, scoring, “way to die”, and relate to the story you read.

Song/Poem must have a minimum of 8 lines.

2

Requirement for all **perfect paragraphs** -

A perfect paragraph has 5 sentences: 1 topic sentence, 3 supporting details, 1 closing sentence

Your writings and main project are due by September 2, 2011.

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***Additional activities accomplished receive extra credit*