Independent Reading Project
Marking Period 2

Independent reading is an important part of our class. You are required to read 20 minutes of your independent novel selection each day.

**Expectation:**
All students are required to read one grade-level appropriate book every four weeks, which means you will read at least 2 novels over the next 8 weeks. For EACH book, you will need to complete the following:

- Independent Reading Introduction page
- Menu Assignment
- End of Book Form

- Many of you will want to read more than one book in a four week period. That’s great! However, you are only required to do assignments for 2 books.
- You are responsible for showing your best effort on these assignments. Be neat! You may type or hand-write your final copies.

**Independent Reading Menu Activity Due Dates**

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1 day late highest possible grade is 90, 2 days late highest possible grade is 80 after, & so on.

**Independent Reading Contract**

I understand that in order to finish my novel and complete the assigned tasks by the due dates above, I must set reading goals and figure out how many pages to read per week. I will stick to this and find time for my reading. It is my responsibility to read independently, choose a good menu assignment that I understand, and complete the task on time.

*Student Signature: ________________________________

*Parent Signature: ________________________________
## Independent Reading Menu

Select an assignment from the menu to complete in response to your reading by the due date. You may choose any of the assignments below, but you may not repeat assignments.

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<td>1.1 Draw a picture of the setting. Label at least 5 details. Also include a 1 page summary explaining the importance of the setting with explanations and details.</td>
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<td>1.2 Create a list of 10 “thick” questions you have from the first half of the novel. They can be questions about characters, setting, events, actions, etc. If you find answers, record them as well.</td>
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<td>1.3 Write a 1 page reflection about how the book affected you. -Happiest/saddest moment -surprising/disappointing moment -what you will remember most</td>
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Independent Reading Introduction Page

Book One

Title of book: ______________________________________________

Author: ____________________________________________________

Genre (circle one)
Science fiction   Fantasy   Realistic Fiction   Mystery
Historical fiction   Biography   Memoir   Other:

Total number of pages in the book: __________

To set a weekly reading goal, divide the number of pages in your book by four. This is the number of pages that you should read each week to be able to complete the book and menu assignment on time.

Week 1: _________  Week 2: _________  Week 3: _________  Week 4: _________
Nov. 23  Nov. 30  Dec. 7  Dec. 14

Record these page numbers in your agenda so that you know what your reading homework is each week.

Why did you choose this book?

_____ Liked cover   _____ Interesting title   _____ Genre
_____ Recommended by friend   _____ Recommended by adult   _____ Author
_____ Other - Explain:

How do you think this book fits with your reading abilities?

_____ Easy to read   _____ Just right   _____ A challenge for me
Independent Reading End-of-Book Form

Book One

Book title: ____________________________________________

Complete this form when you have finished reading. This may be displayed in class.

Would you recommend this book to other students? Why or why not? (Be specific!)

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Below, circle the number of stars that you would give this book with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest rating. Then, write a brief book review explaining your rating.

1 ★ 2★★ 3★★★ 4★★★★ 5★★★★★
Independent Reading Introduction Page
Book Two

Title of book: ________________________________________

Author: _____________________________________________

Genre (circle one)
Science fiction  Fantasy  Realistic Fiction  Mystery

Historical fiction  Biography  Memoir  Other:

Total number of pages in the book: __________

To set a weekly reading goal, divide the number of pages in your book by four. This is the number of pages that you should read each week to be able to complete the book and menu assignment on time.

Week 1: __________  Week 2: __________  Week 3: __________  Week 4: __________
Dec. 28  Jan. 4  Jan. 11  Jan. 18

Record these page numbers in your agenda so that you know what your reading homework is each week.

Why did you choose this book?

_____ Liked cover  _____ Interesting title  _____ Genre

_____ Recommended by friend  _____ Recommended by adult  _____ Author

_____ Other - Explain:

How do you think this book fits with your reading abilities?

_____ Easy to read  _____ Just right  _____ A challenge for me
Name: ___________________________________________   Date: _______   Period: ______

Independent Reading End-of-Book Form
Book Two

Book title: _______________________________________________________________________

Complete this form when you have finished reading. This may be displayed in class.

Would you recommend this book to other students? Why or why not? (Be specific!)
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1★  2★★  3★★★  4★★★★  5★★★★★

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