



What do I do after reading my book?



After you finish reading your book, you are required to write a friendly letter to your 7th grade language arts teacher, introducing yourself and demonstrating that you have read the book. Your letter should be typed, if possible, and between one and two pages long. When typing, use single-spaced, 10-12 point Arial font. This letter will be turned in to your language arts teacher during the second week of school in August.

What do I write in my letter?

Part 1 - In at least one paragraph, give a brief introduction of yourself. Please include the following information in your paragraph(s):

- What you will miss about elementary school and what you expect middle school to be like.
- Some brief background information about yourself, including places you have lived and interesting things you have experienced. If you speak multiple languages or if a language other than English is spoken at home, you may want to include that information.
- A few interesting facts about yourself, including some of your interests.

Part 2 – In at least one paragraph, discuss your experience with the Summer Reading assignment and your opinion of the book. Please include the following information in your paragraph(s):

- Don't forget to mention what book you read.
- When did you read the book during the summer?
- How long did it take you to read the book?
- Did you read more than one book this summer? If so, which books did you read?
- Did you enjoy your Summer Reading experience? Explain.
- Your personal rating of the book, from 1-5, with 5 being the highest, plus your reasons for the rating. ("I liked it," or "I hated it," or "It was okay," are not sufficient. Give examples from the book when explaining your answer.)

Part 3 – Respond to THREE of the following reader-response prompts in paragraph form (You will have three separate paragraphs in part 3). These responses should NOT be a summary of the book.

- Think about the main character. How has he/she changed throughout the book? Include specific examples from the book.
- Are there any quotes in the book (passages, descriptions) that are memorable to you? Explain why it is memorable to you. How does it make you feel, or what does it make you think about?
- What do you think will happen to the main characters in the book in one year? Five years? Give reasons for your answer.
- Does anything in the book remind you of another book, a movie, or an experience you have had? Explain your answer.
- Think about the characters in the book. Choose a character and discuss how he/she is similar to or different than you. Include specific examples from the book.

During the second week of school you will complete a short reading quiz and one or more in-class activities!