

SHELTON ACADEMY
2020-2021 SUMMER READING LIST
GRADE 6

Dear Parents,

Your rising sixth grader will need to choose two (2) novels from the selections below for summer reading. After reading the selected books, the student will need to follow these instructions:

1st Book - For the first book of choice, please respond to the following questions on a lined sheet of paper in your neatest handwriting. Answer each question in paragraph format. The order is not important.

- Characters and Setting: Where and when does this book take place? How is the setting important to this story? Who is the protagonist (the main character) in the book?
- Character Development: Did any of the characters change throughout the story? If so, how? What caused this character to change?
- Problem/Solution - What is the conflict (main problem) of the story? How is the conflict resolved?
- Theme: What were some themes of the book? What lessons did you learn by reading this novel? (For example: friendship, love, family, good vs. evil, practice makes perfect, never lose hope, etc.)
- Review: What surprised you in this book? What did you enjoy about this book? Why? What would you change? Why?

2nd Book - Choose 1 of the following options for the other book:

Option 1: Mini Book - *You may type or neatly hand-write the information.*

This should look similar to a book. Separate all the numbered requirements on different pages and make creative titles for each page.

- 1) Create an alternate front cover for your book with your favorite scene from the story on a blank sheet of copy/prINTER paper. Please do not copy the same front cover that it currently has. Be as creative as you can and provide details that go beyond coloring. I'd love to see what you envisioned in your mind while reading this scene. Please be sure to include: the book title, your name, the book's author, the book's illustrator.
- 2) Introduce your book by writing one paragraph that describes the protagonist and any other significant characters.
- 3) Write a paragraph that provides significant details about the setting of the novel. Remember that the setting includes the time and place the story takes place, geographical locations, seasons of the year, time of day, historical period, and cultures that are involved in the story. Use descriptive words to help convince your classmates that they should read this book too so they can also take an imaginary trip in their minds when reading this novel!

- 4) Write one paragraph about the problems (conflicts) in the novel. What events led to this conflict? What characters were involved? How did this issue get resolved?
- 5) Write one paragraph about the theme. What lessons did you learn in this novel? Why is this message important to learn in our daily lives? Remember that one story can teach several lessons or themes.
- 6) Write a paragraph with a detailed review of the book and provide a rating (between 1-5 stars) that explains if you would recommend the novel, who you would suggest to read it, why you liked it (or why you didn't like it).

Option 2: Cereal Box - *You may type or neatly hand-write the information. Please use a recycled cereal box and cover the box in paper with either durable tape or paste.*

- 1) Front: Create a visual representation of the book and include something very symbolic from the story. Be sure to include the book title, author, illustrator, and your name.
- 2) Back: Include a three paragraph summary of the book that explains how the plot developed. The first of those paragraphs should include the events in the beginning of the story that are important to know because they were the rising action
- 3) , or events that led to something important in the story. The second paragraph should provide explicit details from the story that explain the main event, or the turning point in this book. Why is this so important and what characters were involved? The last paragraph should explain what events occurred after the main event, the falling action. How did the problems get solved? How did the story end?
- 4) One side of the book should include your rating (between 1-5 stars) that explains if you would recommend the novel, who you would suggest to read it, why you liked it (or why you didn't like it).
- 5) The other side of the box should include your favorite part of the book. Be sure to explain why.

Please select two novels from the following list:

- Swiss Family Robinson, Johann Wyss
- Ben and Me, Robert Lawson
- Snow Treasure, Marie McSwigan
- My Side of the Mountain, Jean Craighead George
- Call It Courage, Armstrong Sperry
- Adam of the Road, Elizabeth Janet Gray
- The Railway Children, Edith Nesbit
- The Upstairs Room, Johanna Reiss
- Gone Away Lake, Elizabeth Enright
- Blue Willow, Doris Gates
- Magical Melons, Carol Ryrice Brink
- Miracles on Maple Hill, Virginia Sorensen
- The Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson Burnett
- A Wrinkle in Time, Madeleine L'Engle