

Moorhead Junior High Summer Reading Project

Summer Reading for Incoming 7th Graders

What is the Moorhead Junior High philosophy behind summer reading?

MJH Administrators, district coaches, and the English Language Arts teachers met to discuss and determine the summer reading project for all incoming 7th graders. We **encourage** all students to read during the summer to:

- Help students maintain the ELA skills they learned
- Expose students to quality literature of their choice
- Promote independent reading
- Promote a LOVE for READING



What do you do?

All incoming MJH 7th graders may select and read a book of their choice. We have also provided a list of books for those who need help in deciding what to read. After reading, they should then complete three (3) choice activities from the choice board and turn them in before the first three weeks of school. Don't worry kids! There is always something in it for you...besides becoming life-long learners and book lovers!

The Incentive!







Popcorn and Movie PARTY!!!!

The Choice Activities!

*****Pick any three (3) activities to complete*****

<p><u>Act it Out!</u></p> <p>Create a skit from your favorite part of the book you read. Be sure to include your characters and their lines. (Capitalization and punctuation is important!)</p> <p>*If you are able to, you can act it out and even video it!</p>	<p><u>Visual Art</u></p> <p>Illustrate your favorite scene and write a paragraph explaining it and why it is your favorite.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-OR-</p> <p>Create a poster advertising your book! Include pictures and interesting details that would make others want to read it!</p>	<p><u>Compare/Contrast</u></p> <p>Create a Venn Diagram: -comparing this book to another you have read.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-OR-</p> <p>-comparing two characters in the book</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-OR-</p> <p>-comparing the book to the movie</p>
<p><u>Cartoon Strip</u></p> <p>Create a comic strip (6 boxes) including the important events of a chapter. Draw and color pictures and use words to go along.</p>	<p><u>Creative Writing</u></p> <p>Write a friendly letter to a character (or the author) in the book, as if they were your friend, telling about yourself and asking at least 3 questions about things that happened in the book to your character.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-OR-</p> <p>Keep a character diary for each chapter highlighting their emotions and thoughts for each significant event.</p>	<p><u>Technology</u></p> <p>Create a power-point presentation, prezi, or other similar presentations that will tell the class a little bit about your book!</p> <p>Include slides on...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) The main character 2.) The setting 3.) The conflict <p>But do not reveal too much! Make them read to find out 😊</p>
<p><u>Vocabulary</u></p> <p>Select ten (10) words from the book you read that you are unfamiliar with. Infer (use context clues) word meanings and create a mini dictionary.</p>	<p><u>Music</u></p> <p>Create a playlist for one of the characters in the book. Write 5 song titles they might have on their iPod. Write a sentence or two explaining each one.</p>	<p><u>Alternate Ending</u></p> <p>Have you ever wondered if your story would be better if it ended differently? Now's your chance to take over the author's job and rewrite the ending of your novel! Please type up an ending using complete sentences and thoughtful paragraphs.</p>

Project Rubric

Expectation	Awesome! 	Not bad! 	Missing something! 	Uh Oh! 
Demonstrate knowledge of the book, characters, story line, setting, climax	Clearly demonstrated understanding of the book, characters, story line, setting, climax	Included some information about the characters, story line, setting and/or climax	Missing many points about the book, characters, story line, setting and/or climax	It is not clear that you read the book. Information is largely missing or incorrect
Included title and author of book	Included title and author	Included title or author	Included title or author but misspelled or incomplete	Neither title nor author included
Followed directions for chosen project	All directions were followed and you went above and beyond what I expected. (Creativity...)	Most directions were followed but it was missing something. Some creativity was shown.	Most directions were followed but little or no creativity was included	Presentation was missing many elements of the chosen project.
Grammatically correct written presentation and spelling was correct	Grammar and spelling errors may have been present but they did not take away from the project	Grammar and spelling errors were a problem; many took away from the project	Grammar and spelling took away from the project and left the reader feeling as if they were reading a rough draft	Too many grammar and spelling errors to make reading easy, clearly this needed to be edited
Project is attractive and organized, includes appropriate art, graphics, graphs, etc	Your project is attractive and well organized. It includes appropriate art, graphs, etc	Your project is attractive or well put together but it is missing something like art or graphs	Your project is plain and may have organization issues; it has no art or graphs to help tell the story	Your project is poorly put together and/or messy. It is missing art or graphs.