

8th Grade Summer Book Report Guidelines

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Book Report AND Questions are due, Friday August 11, 2023 (During ELA/ Science Class Period)

The Outsider by S.E Hinton (**ELA Summer Reading**)

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer (Young Readers Edition) (**SCIENCE Summer Reading**)

Read all directions before beginning!

1. Choose a (one book, not an entire series) book from the list below. * You must choose a book that you have never read before.
2. Before reading your chosen summer book, read through the questions on the back of this paper. Choose 3 specific questions to answer in addition to your summary paragraph and general response paragraph.
3. While reading, keep notes that you can pull from later when writing your answers to each question. Aim for 3-5 important pieces of information per chapter.
4. After reading, type out your book evaluation and make sure it follows all format requirements specified below. When you return to school in the fall, you will log onto your English class's page in the online program "Turn-It-In" to submit the final report. Plan to submit your paper during the first week of school.

General Paper Guidelines

- 12 pt. professional font (Times New Roman, Calibri, Cambria)
- Double spaced, 1" margins
- Title of book .5" from top margin (and properly italicized)
- Name in top right-hand corner

*Each paragraph should take approximately ½ page, meaning that your book report should be no shorter than two pages and no longer than three full pages.

List of Response Questions (choose three)

Setting:

"In what ways does the setting help develop the story and characters?"

Character:

"How does the author develop the differences of certain characters, especially his main character?"

"In what ways (specific thoughts, words, actions, etc.) does the author show you the development and change in his main characters?"

Plot:

"How does the plot keep you on the edge of your seat and wanting more?"

"What do you think is the climax of the plot? Support your answer with evidence from the book?"

Conflict:

"What is the primary conflict and was it powerful enough to earn an entire book being written about it?"

Audience appeal:

“How does the author tell his story so that it appeals to (interests, pleases, stirs up) his audience?”

Paragraph Format**Paragraph 1: Summary of the book**

- Talk about the main people and events in the book but do NOT include your opinions.

Paragraphs 2-4: Chosen response questions (from above)

- I should know by the topic sentence which question each paragraph is answering.
- Paragraphs that use specific examples will receive better grades than paragraphs that generalize.

Paragraph 5: General personal opinion of the book

- Talk about the things you like about this book and the things you dislike about it. Make sure to explain why you like or dislike these things.

The Outsider by S.E Hinton

Summer Reading Questions

1. Why is it ironic that Johnny compares Dally to a southern gentleman? How does Johnny explain this comparison?
2. Why does Johnny's remark about the sunrise remind Ponyboy of Robert Frost's poem? Use details from the poem to support your answer.
3. What is Soda's position in the conflict between Ponyboy and Darry?
4. What is the name of the narrator?
5. What happens to the narrator on the way home from the movies?
6. What happened to the parents of the narrator?
7. What happens to the narrator on the way home from the movies?
8. Why is the narrator afraid to tell dally how he really feels?
9. What is the difference between tough and tuff according to ponyboy?
10. How are ponyboy and his friends like you? How are they different from you?

The Boy Who Harassed the Wind by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

1. What point of view is The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind written? Who is telling the story?
2. What flashback does William have in the beginning of chapter 1.
3. What tragic event happened to William's family in 1997?
4. What effect did the event have on William and his family?
5. What is the difference between having a dog in Africa and America?
6. Summarize how William made either the trap or his knife?
7. What benefits did Khamba bring to William and his family?
8. What happened to the extra grain the government was supposed to have to help the people of Malawi?
9. In Malawi, what is a farmer's token of wealth?
10. What happened in December 2000?
11. Based on the reading, what is a generator, how does it function. Cite textual evidence.
12. Give a description of how energy is converted by generators? Give evidence based on details in the text.