

Upper Elementary Book Reports

2016-2017

Calendar

Month	Genre & Description	Due Date
September	Student Choice – You can choose anything you wish to read and present	Wednesday 9/28/16
October	Informational – Texts that provide information about a variety of topics (animals, sports, history, weather, space, etc.)	Wednesday 10/26/16
November	Newberry Award Winner	Wednesday 11/30/16
December	Realistic Fiction – A story using made characters that could happen in real life.	Friday 12/16/16
January	Science Fiction – A type of fantasy that uses science and technology (robots, time machines, etc.) or Fantasy – A story including elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers. Make-believe is what this genre is all about.	Wednesday 1/25/17
February	Autobiography or Biography – A story of a real person's life that is either written by the person or another person.	Wednesday 2/22/17
March	Mystery – A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story.	Wednesday 3/29/17
April	Poetry – Verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader. It often use rhythm and rhyme to help convey its meaning.	Wednesday, 4/26/17
May	Historical Fiction – A fictional story that takes place in a particular time period in the past. Often the setting is real, but the characters are made up from the author's imagination.	Wednesday, 5/19/17

Here's what you will do:

1. READING: Read the Book throughout the month.
2. WRITING: Write a description of the following:
 - a. Setting
 - b. Characters
 - c. Problem/Plot
 - d. Events
 - e. Solution/Moral
3. RATING: Rate the book - Why did you like or dislike it?
4. PRESENTING: Present the book to the class in any way you like. Please get your idea approved before hand.

Here are some suggestions

- Create a neatly labeled timeline that chronicles at least 8 of the important events of your book.
- Create a newspaper article that grabs your readers' attention and summarizes what your book is about.
- Create a brochure about your book. Be sure to include all the story elements.
- Imagine your book is going to be made into a motion picture. Create a "trailer" or preview for the movie to encourage people to come see it.

- Create a diorama of your favorite scene in the book.
 - Create an animated storyboard (comic strip without humor, unless you are reading a humorous book) summarizing your book.
 - Dress up as the person in your book, tell who you are, what made you famous, and at least 5 significant facts or events from your life.
 - Create a collage from magazine pictures, photos or clip art that illustrates your book.
 - Create a pop-up book featuring the story elements.
 - Write a brief sequel to your book. Be sure to include what happened in your book before you move into your book.
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- Character Life Box (Collect props to display in a box)
 - Make a CD/ Soundtrack for a movie version of your book with an explanation for each song choice
 - Power Point presentation
 - Design a room that a character would have
 - Design a new book cover and explain why this should be the new cover
 - Turn the book into a short play
 - Design a movie poster
 - Write a letter to the head of a production/movie company asking him/her to make the book into a movie
 - Rewrite the story with a new setting
 - Write a new beginning or ending to the story