

Summer Reading

For Incoming Grades 5 and 6 Students



As an incoming 5th grader, you will read *A Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord.

As an incoming 6th grader, you will read *Rules* by Cynthia Lord.

Then you will complete one response project from below for your required book, as well as two other responses for two additional books of your choice.

Book Review

Write a review of your book in which you

- create a teaser,
- summarize the main idea, and
- recommend it to target readers.

[PDF version example.](#)

Song or Poem

Write a song about your book (perhaps based on a song you already know) or create an original poem. Your piece should touch upon the events, main characters, and some details from the book.

Sentence Summary

As you read, write a one sentence summary of each chapter. Once done, write another sentence or two to express how you feel about the book. This is a great option for **longer books with many chapters!** A folded piece of notebook paper used as a bookmark works well.

Poster

Create a poster about your book. The poster must include:

- the main characters,
- a summary which doesn't give away the ending, and
- a recommendation (what kind of readers would enjoy this book?).

Interview

Create a fictional interview with one of the book's main characters. Ask questions, and then answer as if you were this character. A great option if you have read a **biography or realistic fiction!**

[PDF version template.](#)

Story Extension

Write a story extension, or an additional chapter, for the book you have read. Use the same characters, but involve them in a new situation. Your additional chapter could even precede (take place before) the story told in the book. This is a great option for **any type of fiction.**

Character Quotes

Choose at least three quotes from throughout the book that you feel are important. Record those, and then describe why you selected each.

Get your template here. [PDF version.](#)

Fact File

If you read a **nonfiction** book, create a fact file in which you share interesting facts and new vocabulary you've learned.

[Get a template here](#) for writing.

Letter

Write a letter to one of the characters in the book. Share your opinion about the choices he or she made throughout the book and explain whether you agree with those choices.

Design Your Own

If you have your own idea for a creative book response, Go for it!

Access this online at <https://tinyurl.com/SCDSSummer2024>