

2026 SUMMER READING THEME: UNEARTH A STORY

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SELECT A BOOK

Your teacher or your school librarian can help you pick a book that is “just right” for you and your grade level. Be sure your parent or guardian approves it too!



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CREATE A READING ROUTINE

Incorporate reading into your daily routine by setting aside dedicated time each day for reading. Whether it's in the morning, afternoon, or evening, consistency is key in forming a strong reading habit.

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PICK A PROJECT

After reading your summer book, create a book trailer video (1–3 minutes long) that captures the essence of the story. Think of it like a movie preview—your goal is to hook viewers and make them want to read the book without giving away the ending!

Your trailer should include:

- A brief introduction to the main characters and setting
- The central conflict or theme
- Music, images, or drawings that help set the tone
- Text or voiceover narration to explain key points

Tools you can use: iMovie, Canva, Adobe Spark, PowerPoint with voiceover, or even a filmed skit!

A Book Buzz Broadcast

B Character Scrapbook

After reading your summer book, choose one of the main characters and create a scrapbook (digital or paper) that represents his/her journey throughout the story.

Your scrapbook should include:

- At least 5 “artifacts” (drawings, photos, poems, song lyrics, journal entries, etc.) that represent important moments, feelings, or themes
- A short explanation (3–5 sentences) for each artifact that connects it to the character and the story
- A creative cover and a table of contents

Can be done in Google Slides, a journal, Canva, or even a shoebox scrapbook!

Step 1: Log in to Google Classroom

Step 2: Find the Assignment

1. Click on the “Classwork” tab at the top.
2. Look for the assignment titled “Summer Reading Project”
3. Click on the assignment to open it.

Step 3: Attach Your Project

Choose how your project was created and follow the directions that match:

- If you made a video (Book Trailer):
 - Click “Add or Create”.
 - Choose “File”, then upload the video from your computer or Google Drive.
- If you made a digital scrapbook (Slides, Docs, etc.):
 - Click “Add or Create”.
 - Choose “Google Drive” if you made it in Docs or Slides.
 - Or choose “File” if you downloaded it and want to upload it from your computer.
- If you made a paper project:
 - Take clear photos of each page or section.
 - Upload the photos by clicking “Add or Create” → “File”, and selecting your pictures.

Step 4: Turn It In!

1. Once your file is attached, click the “Turn In” button.
 2. A window will pop up—click “Turn In” again to confirm.
- You're done! Your project is now submitted for grading.



UPLOAD YOUR PROJECT IN GOOGLE CLASSROOM

PLEASE NOTE:
PROJECT DUE DATES ARE DETERMINED
BY EACH SCHOOL.
YOUR ASSIGNMENT WILL BE A
MINOR ASSESSMENT GRADE.



STUDENTS SHOULD
CHECK WITH THEIR ELA
TEACHER FOR THE
SPECIFIC DUE DATE AND
SUBMISSION
EXPECTATIONS.

Summer Reading Project Rubric (100 Points Total)

Category	Excellent (20 points)	Good (16-19 points)	Developing (11-15 points)	Needs Work (1-10 points)
Content & Understanding	Deep and thoughtful understanding of the book's plot, characters, and themes	Clear understanding with minor gaps	Some understanding; details may be vague or unclear	Limited or unclear understanding of the book
Creativity & Engagement	Exceptionally creative and engaging; fully captures interest	Creative and mostly engaging	Some creative effort; could be more engaging	Minimal creativity or effort; not engaging
Connections & Explanations	All elements are clearly connected to the book or character with thoughtful explanations	Most elements are well explained	Some connections; explanations may be brief or unclear	Weak or missing connections; little explanation
Effort & Completion	All required elements are included and go above and beyond	Most elements are complete and show solid effort	Some elements missing or rushed	Incomplete or shows minimal effort
Presentation & Organization	Well-organized, polished, and visually/technically strong	Generally neat and organized with minor issues	Some disorganization or rough presentation	Disorganized or hard to follow; poor visuals or audio