

Summer Middle School Reading Project 2026

Directions: First, read a book from your grade's list on the school website. Then, choose ONE of the following to complete. Your grade will be off to a great start if your teachers can tell that you put in some serious effort. For more examples of these formats, search the Internet. **Enjoy creating your project about the book you read!**

All projects must show evidence of reading and understanding the book.

Written Projects

- Letters between 2 characters
- Playlist of songs (for a character) with written statement and explanation of each song (2-3 sentences per song)
 - Playlist shows the character's growth over the novel
 - Playlist shares key ideas / themes with the novel.
 - School-appropriate music only (no links needed).
- Book review answering the question: "Why is this book worth reading?" or "Why is this book NOT worth reading?" This should be your opinion of the quality of the plot, conflicts, characters and other literary elements in the story. A better review will include proof using facts from the story or direct quotations. Be clear and reasonable. An effort like this is likely to get extra scores.
- Script for a play featuring the characters of the book.
- An epilogue, (1 or 5 or 10 years later,) what happens?

Artistic Projects

- Map of the setting (in full color, 2D or 3D)
- Board game with trivia questions about the book .
- Collage (images, words, etc) (minimum 10 images / words)

Technological Projects

- Book trailer (a short, filmed commercial for the book)
- Podcast (3-5 min in length)
 - Podcast includes a conversation with another person who read the book, or portrays characters and perform a scene with lots of dialogue.

Due: August 11, 2026

*Be prepared to turn in your project on paper,
(via jump drive, or saved to Google Drive. This rubric will be used to grade your project.

Category	10	8	6	4	2
Written/Oral Presentation	Project is presented with excellent oral or written skills (grammar, spelling, fluency of speech)	Project has few errors in presentation	Project has errors in one area of presentation	Project has many errors in presentation	Project has too many errors to understand the student's objective
Assignment Requirements	Project meets all requirements from the assignment sheet	Project meets most of the requirements from the assignment sheet	Project meets some of the requirements from the assignment sheet	Project meets few of the requirements from the assignment sheet	Project meets none of the requirements from the assignment sheet
Neatness	Project is neat and orderly	Project is mostly neat and orderly	Project looks as if it was completed at the last minute	Project is messy and disorganized	Project is not complete and messy
Relation to Novel	The relation between the novel and the project is clearly evident	The relation between the novel and the project is evident when the student explains	The relation between the novel and the project is weak	The relation between the novel and the project is not explained	The relation between the novel and the project is non-existent
Evidence of Reading	The project provides ample evidence of the student's having read the novel	The project provides some evidence of the student's having read the novel	The project provides evidence that the student has read some of the novel	It is evident that the student has not finished the novel	It is evident that the student has read none of the novel
Effort	The project shows great effort and planning	The project shows good effort and planning	The project shows some effort and planning	The project shows little effort and planning	The project shows no effort or planning