

Independent Reading Requirement ELA

1. Each quarter there will be an outside reading requirement. Every two weeks a book should be finished.
2. You may read any books of fiction or nonfiction you haven't read before.
3. The books you select must be appropriate for your age and ability. If they are not, you will not get credit. If I question your choice of book, I may ask for a note from your parents.
4. You may get your books from any source – the school library, public library, your house, borrowed from someone, a book you buy, kindle, etc.
5. If you wish, you may take notes while you read and use those notes during the interview book conference.
6. You **MUST** have the book with you to do a book report conference. **NO BOOK = NO CONFERENCE.** Watch for deadlines for completion of the requirement. Just because the deadline is approaching does not mean you may read only part of a book and report on it in order to get credit for the book before the deadline.
7. You only need to do one book report conference per quarter. You will sign up on the back board, in pen, for the time of your conference, and it is your responsibility for meeting your deadline.
8. The book report will be given orally to me. Your job during the report is to answer questions and convince me you have read the book and understood it. You may be asked to discuss the book's literary value.
9. **NO** magazine articles, newspaper articles, poems or short stories count. Book of fiction or non-fiction.
10. About books connected with a movie or TV show: You may report on a book that is related to a movie; however, there will be extra work. You must complete a movie-book comparison worksheet and short essay.
11. If you try to report on a book and are not able to convince me that you have read it, I will record this on your book log form and you will receive little or no credit.
12. Book requirement due dates are posted on the website for your convenience. Please check this to stay ahead of your due dates.