

Grade 5 Summer Reading Assignment 2022-2023 School Year

Objective:

You will choose two of the four books listed below to read during the summer. Upon completion of the novel, you are required to complete **two writing assignments** based on one of the novels: **(1) a Synopsis of the Novel and (1) Book Review** . Both writing assignments must be thorough, well-written, complete sentences and sincere.

Below are the book choices:

- *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper
- *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai

Assignment #1: A Synopsis - is an outline of the plot of a **book**, play, movie, or episode of a television show.

For this assignment, you will write a full one page double spaced (typed) on the important elements of the novel you read. A synopsis is a more-detailed summary of the book. I want to know what happens in the story without too much detail, but I want to know enough that you understood the text.

<https://www.caroclarke.com/synopsis.html>

Assignment #2: A Book review - is a form of literary criticism in which a **book** is analyzed based on content, style, and merit.

For the book review, you will write a 3/4 page (typed) on the overall quality of the book. Your book review should analyze what you thought of the story and answer the following questions, (try to Think, Connect, Evaluate and/or Recommend): How well was the story written? Did the book excite you, or was it too dry? Could you connect with the main idea of the novel? Could you connect with and relate to any of the characters? All of these questions should be reflected and answered in your book review. Book reviews should be honest, but do not trash the novel because you didn't enjoy it. Be a scholar, use academic vocabulary, and explain WHY the book was not a good read. Below is a link to help you write a book review in case you run into any roadblocks.

<https://www.literacyideas.com/how-to-write-a-great-book-review>

*Please keep all assignments until the first week of school. You will receive further instruction from your teacher at that time.

Enjoy your summer, and happy reading! - The Grade 5 Team