**\_§ Reading Lists §\_**

**FOURTH GRADE**

* *New Girl in Town* by Julia DeVillers
* *The Friendship* by Mildred D. Taylor
* *Wagon Wheels* by Barbara Brenner
* *Alligator Bayou* by Donna Jo Napoli
* *The Iron Dragon Never Sleeps*  by Stephen Krensky
* *The Bus Ride* by William Miller
* *Freedom School, Yes!* By Amy Littlesugar
* *Squanto, friend of the Pilgrims* by Clyde Robert Bulla
* *Junk Man’s Daughter* by Sonia Levitin
* *Little Firefly:* An Algonquian Legend by Terri Cohlene

**FIFTH GRADE**

* *The American Story:* 100 True Tales from American History by Jennifer Amrstrong **(Read the first 21 tales!)**
* *On an American Day:* Story Voyages through History (1750-1899) by Rona Arato
* *An American Spring* by Kathryn Lasky
* *An American Army of Two* by Janet Greeson
* *Papa’s Mark* by Gwendolyn Battle-Lavert
* *Buttons for General Washington* by Peter Roop
* *Meet Kaya* by Janet Beeler Shaw
* *My Name is Sally Little Song* by Brenda A. Woods.
* *Trouble Don’t Last* by Shelley Pearsall
* *Moses:* When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom by Carole Boston Weatherford

**SIXTH GRADE**

1. *Tommy Traveler in the World of Black History* by Tom Feelings
2. *Weedflower* by Cynthia Kadohata
3. *The Greatest Skating Race:* A WWII Story from the Netherlands by Louise Borden
4. *The Travels of Benjamin of Tudela:* Through Three Continents in the 12th Century by Uri Shulevitz
5. *The Time Bike* by Jane Langton
6. *The 5,000-year-old Puzzle:* Solving a Mystery of Ancient Egypt by Claudia Logan
7. *The Book of Time* by Guillaume Prevost
8. *Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos* by R.L. La Fevers
9. *Pankration:* The Ultimate Game by Dyan Blacklock
10. *Roman Diary:* The Journal of Iliona of Mytillini, who was captured by pirates and sold as a slave in Rome, AD 107 by Richard Platt

What was your favorite event in the book? (**You must put SOMETHING! Just choose the best!**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Conflict/Resolution: (**What is the main problem in the story and how is it solved?**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Setting (**where and in what time period does the story take place?**)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Main Characters: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Author: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Would you read another book written by this author?

  **yes no**

Conclusion: (**Did you like or dislike the book? Why or why not?**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Sixth Grade Book Report Form**

As sixth graders, you are leaders of this school, and Insha Allah, the future leaders of our community. I must hold you to a higher standard! For your book report, you will be required to do an essay. Yes, you read that right. You have to write an E-S-S-A-Y! I have seen you guys write essays before, and I have seen you do a wonderful job. I know you will do an excellent job on this project as well! ☺



**Your essay will be 4-6 pages, and MUST include THREE things:**

* Cover Page (one page): Who are you? What class is this? What book did you read and who wrote it? **All this information must be on your cover page!** However, you may design it as you wish.
* Essay (2-3 pages): Here comes the meat of your project. Each essay will have **six paragraphs**.
	1. Introduction: (see sample below)
	2. Setting: **What time period** does the story take place in, and **where** does it take place?
	3. Characters: **How many** main characters are there, and **who** are they?
	4. Plot**:** **What problem, conflict, or challenge** does the main character/characters face, and what are the story’s **main events?**
	5. Plot Resolution: **How is the problem/challenge/conflict** resolved or overcome?
* Evaluation Page (1-2 pages): Must be at least **three paragraphs**
* Did you like the story?
* Were there things in it that surprised you?
* Were there things in it that you really liked and/or disliked?
* Using your knowledge of Islam, how would you expect Muslim readers to respond to the book you chose?

**Sample Introduction**

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| **Sentence Order** | **Example** |
| Arouse the reader's interest with an attention grabbing question or statement.  | How would you feel if a tornado suddenly lifted you away to a new land?  |
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| Name the character(s) in such a situation. Name the book title and author.  | Such an adventure happened to Dorothy in the book, *The Wizard of Oz*, by Frank Baum.  |
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| Present **a thesis sentence**: why the book is unique: Although there have been similar books, this book is unique because who? does what? and where?  | Although there have been other children's adventure stories, this one is unique because Dorothy helps the Tin Man, Scarecrow, and Lion find the qualities they seek while traveling with her in the land of Oz. |

**Sample Topic Sentences**

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| Setting | This story takes place… (describe place and time period) |
| Characters | The characters in this story… (describe gender, age, ethnicity, and anything else important to the story) |
| Plot | In the story… (briefly describe what happened and what challenge or conflict the character(s) faced) |
| Plot Resolution | Eventually, (describe how the character(s) overcame the challenge) |

While reading, you may use this story map to help you organize your ideas for your paper:

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