

BOOK REPORT BASICS

Students may complete a number of different educational activities as part of their parent-directed home study assignments. However, we encourage reading as part of the daily educational routine. Studies have shown that students who are readers do better in school and obtain higher paying jobs in life. The only way to become a better reader is to practice reading every day, so we would like to encourage reading by providing prizes at school for those students who are completing at least one book every month. Students may show they have completed the book by turning in a reading log, a book report, or a through completion of a book project.

Book Reports should contain the following elements.

1. Title of Book, Name of the Author, Your Name, and the Date.
2. Name of the Protagonist (main character) and a short character description (analyze the character through his thoughts, speech patterns, and actions as well as through the author's description)
3. Names of other major characters and their relationship to the Protagonist (brother, friend, neighbor, etc)
4. Setting describing where (geographic, spacial) and when (time period) the story takes place
5. Short summary of the main plot (tell the main events that advance the plot and the conclusion of the plot)
6. Your response to the story (what did you think about it?)
7. Be sure to include a direct quotation from the book. You may use it as part of the character description, the summary, or in your response.

Parents: Please direct your child's work on the book report. Each child has different capabilities. Determine if your child should be producing just a "bare bones" report of a few sentences or should make a report of several pages. We expect a more thorough report from higher level students.

Note: Book reports are not due for all the reading students do, but we encourage students to complete a report once a month as part of their parent-directed home study assignments. Students may show their completion of books in other ways as well, such as dioramas, story maps, or drawings.