



Rising 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Summer Reading Packet  
Summer 2021

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



*“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.” - Walt Disney*

Dear Rising 5th Grader,

I look forward to being your Language Arts teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.

For summer reading, I have chosen books from a variety of genres in hopes that you will find one that you will enjoy. While I am requiring only one book, I do ask that you invest quality time reading on a regular basis. Turn off your electronics, relax your brain, and allow yourself to focus on nothing but the book in your hand. You will discover that you can read more quickly and with increased understanding if you read for longer periods of time.

Once you have read and enjoyed a book from this attached list, please see the instructions for the book report project I would like you to complete. Use a **half size** piece of poster board and create a poster to advertise the book you read. Please see the project instructions, rubric, and example for more information. Be ready to share your poster on the first day of school.

Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling says, “If you don’t like to read, you haven’t found the right book.” Take time to discover the right books for you this summer. Ask for help if you are struggling to make a choice. I am an email away, and I can make suggestions.

I look forward to a great year together in 5th Grade!

Enjoy your summer!!

Blessings,

*Mrs. Patty Tucker*

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## Coming of Age

### ***Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen**      [Hatchet by Gary Paulsen Official Book Trailer](#)

*Hatchet* is a book about a 13 year old boy whose parents are divorced. Just because of a secret. One day he was flying on a plane to see his dad. The next thing you know the plane crashes into a weird shaped looking lake. He is stuck on a stranded island and trying to survive and get back to his dad.

### ***The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett**      [The Secret Garden Book Trailer](#)

The novel centres on Mary Lennox, who is living in India with her wealthy British family. She is a selfish and disagreeable 10-year-old girl who has been spoiled by her servants and neglected by her unloving parents. When a cholera epidemic kills her parents and the servants, Mary is orphaned.

### ***Wish* by Barbara O'Connor**      [Wish by Barbara O'Connor Book Trailer](#)

Eleven-year-old Charlie Reese has been making the same secret wish every day since fourth grade. She even has a list of all the ways there are to make the wish, such as cutting off the pointed end of a slice of pie and wishing on it as she takes the last bite. But when she is sent to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina to live with a family she barely knows, it seems unlikely that her wish will ever come true. That is until she meets Wishbone, a skinny stray dog who captures her heart, and Howard, a neighbor boy who proves surprising in lots of ways. Suddenly Charlie is in serious danger of discovering that what she thought she wanted may not be what she needs at all.

## Mystery/Adventure

### ***Framed* by James Ponti**      [Framed! A.T.O.A.S.T. Mystery by James Ponti Book Trailer](#)

So you're only halfway through your homework and the Director of the FBI keeps texting you for help...What do you do? Save your grade? Or save the country? If you're Florian Bates, you figure out a way to do both. Florian is twelve years old and has just moved to Washington. He's learning his way around using TOAST, which stands for the *Theory of All Small Things*. It's a technique he invented to solve life's little mysteries such as: where to sit on the first day of school, or which Chinese restaurant has the best egg rolls. But when he teaches it to his new friend Margaret, they uncover a mystery that isn't little. In fact, it's HUGE, and it involves the National Gallery, the FBI, and a notorious crime syndicate known as EEL. Can Florian decipher the clues *and* finish his homework in time to help the FBI solve the case?

## Historical Fiction

### ***The Mostly True Adventures of Homer Figg* by Rodman Philbrick**      [I](#)

[The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick Book Trailer](#)

In this emotive, Newbery Honor-winning page-turner, 12 year-old orphan Homer runs away from Pine Swamp, Maine, to find his older brother, Harold, who has been sold into the Union Army. With laugh-aloud humor, Homer outwits and outruns a colorful assortment of Civil War-era thieves, scallywags, and spies as he makes his way south, following clues that finally lead him to the Battle of Gettysburg and the dramatic story of the 20th Maine at Little Round Top. Even through a hail of gunfire, Homer never loses heart--but will he find his brother? Or will it be too late?

### ***Turn Homeward, Hannalee* by Patricia Beatty**

[Turn Homeward, Hannalee by Patricia Beatty Book Trailer](#)

During the final days of the Civil War, 12-year-old Hannalee was among 2,000 Georgia textile workers shipped north by the Union Army to work in Yankee mills. Can she make her way home to her family? This novel, based on historical events, reveals a little-known side of our most significant American conflict.

## Fantasy

### ***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo**      [Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane Book Trailer](#)

Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl named Abilene, who treated him with the utmost care and adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost.

## Create a movie poster that advertises your novel.

- ❑ **Read and Enjoy a book** from the assigned list
- ❑ **Complete the Book Outline** before you begin creating your poster-*This should be written neatly.*
- ❑ Begin creating your movie poster- Use a **HALF** piece of Poster Board
- ❑ **Book Title** should be large and stand out on your movie poster
- ❑ The **author's name** should be the director
- ❑ **YOUR name** should be listed as the producer
- ❑ A **major illustration or collage** should be the focus of your poster. It should give the audience a good idea of the setting & a major plot element (significant scene) of the novel. Do not copy the book cover.
- ❑ A minimum of **TWO critic reviews** shall be incorporated on the poster.
  - ❑ One review should focus on the **main idea**.
  - ❑ One review should focus on the **theme** (the lesson learned from the story).

The **main characters** of the novel will be the “cast” in your “movie”. Choose famous movie stars or television stars and “cast” them in the main character roles for your “movie”. The main characters and “stars” of your “movie” should be named on your poster.

The movie poster must have a **catchy line** that interests the audience and describes the main idea/theme of the movie. *For example:* Shrek used “The greatest fairy tale never told” and Charlotte’s Web used “Help is coming from above”

A **rating** of the novel must be on the poster with your recommendation. *For Example:* (5 Stars) Recommended for the movie fan seeking a suspenseful and exciting adventure! OR (1 Star) Not recommended for the movie fan that hopes to be entertained and thrilled.

*Bring your completed **Book Outline and Movie Poster** to school on August 17, 2021, the first day of 5th grade. You will have a chance to share with your classmates. This project will be your first project grade in ELA.*

# Book Outline

By \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title	Author
Setting	Main Characters

Main Idea/Plot
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Theme (Lesson learned)
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Movie Poster Project Rubric

Book Read \_\_\_\_\_

### **Book Outline-completed neatly**

\_\_\_\_\_/10 Book title and author

\_\_\_\_\_/10 Setting

\_\_\_\_\_/10 Characters

\_\_\_\_\_/10 Theme

\_\_\_\_\_/10 Main Idea/Plot (one or two sentences)

\_\_\_\_\_/10 Summary (5-6 sentence paragraph)

### **Poster**

\_\_\_\_\_/10 Title/Autor and Illustration on Poster

\_\_\_\_\_/10 2 Critic statements

\_\_\_\_\_/10 Rating statement

\_\_\_\_\_/5 Characters listed

\_\_\_\_\_/5 project neatly presented on August 17, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_/100 Total

# Book Outline-Example

By Mrs. Tucker

<b>Book Title</b> <i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i>	<b>Author</b> C.S. Lewis
<b>Setting</b> The story begins in an old house in the country. The children discover a wardrobe that leads them to the magical land of Narnia.	<b>Main Characters</b>  Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy  They meet Aslan, the White Witch, Mr. Tumnus and the Beavers.

<b>Main Idea/Plot</b> Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy are four siblings sent to live in the country with their uncle during World War II. The children explore the house on a rainy day and Lucy, the youngest, finds an enormous wardrobe. Lucy steps inside and finds herself in a strange, snowy wood.
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<b>Theme (Lesson learned)</b>  The themes of this story are betrayal and forgiveness.
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## Summary

Susan, Peter, Edmund, and Lucy are sent to the countryside of England to avoid the bombings in London. While exploring the house, Lucy discovers a wardrobe that takes her to the magical land of Narnia. She meets Mr. Tumnus, a fawn, and then returns through the wardrobe and back into the house. Lucy told her brothers and sister all about this new place she discovered and they did not believe her. Edmund was very rude to her about the idea, but only because he had secretly followed her and entered Narnia as well. Edmund met the White Witch and was introduced to a different side of Narnia and was warned to keep their meeting a secret.

Lucy was able to convince her siblings to enter the wardrobe and see Narnia. Lucy led her siblings to Mr. Tumnus's house only to discover that he was gone and in great danger. The Beavers came to their aid, but soon Edmund betrayed his siblings, disappeared, and followed the desires of the White Witch.

The Beavers assured the three children that they would find their brother and that Aslan was on the move so they must make their way to the stone table. The siblings made their way to the stone table and soon learned the depth of their brother Edmund's betrayal. They also learned the true power of forgiveness from the lessons of a lion, Aslan.

# Movie Poster Example

# The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Director: C.S. Lewis  
Producer: Mrs. Tucker

Premieres  
July 7

:NARNIA: Where it is always winter, but never Christmas.:

## Critics

① C.S. Lewis shows readers the importance of having courage to face the truth and forgiveness when you mess up.

② The world of Narnia will come alive as a magical place rich in imagination.



## ★ ★ Starring ★ ★

TAYLOR SWIFT as Susan

CHARLI D'AMELIO as Lucy

JOHN CENA as Peter

TOM HOLLAND as Edmund

RATINGS:



"I LOVED FEELING TRANSPORTED TO NARNIA! IT IS JUST LIKE BEING THERE WITH ASLAN! I WOULD TOTALLY RECOMMEND THIS NOVEL!"

