

Creating Readers & Novel Approaches to Novels



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Use a two-part approach.

I. Free Reading (Outside Reading)

- A. Establish expectations.**
- B. Grade forms.**
- C. Check books for content and reading level.**
- D. Use paperbacks or hard covered paperbacks (Perma-bound, BMI bound, etc.).**
- E. Share books and motivate others to donate.**
- F. Give your students the gift of time.**
- G. Advertise. Talk books. Know each student's interests.**

II. Novels

- A. Why do I add to an already busy schedule?**
 - 1. To add a personal touch**
 - 2. To get a break from routine and have fun**
 - 3. To study a complete longer work**

B. How do I choose? (Not listed in order of importance)

1. Is the length appropriate?
2. Will it be interesting to boys?
3. Can I be enthusiastic about it?
4. Is it on an appropriate reading level?
5. Will it fit a theme or other class?
6. Is a teacher's guide available?
7. Is it a classic? (I rarely choose a classic.)
8. Is the paperback available/affordable for each student?
9. Can the objectionable elements be handled?
10. Have I read the book recently?

C. How do I "teach" a novel?

1. Take a week.
2. On Monday, introduce book.
3. Explain special rules.
4. Give daily quizzes (optional).
5. "Talk through the book."
6. Use helps.
7. Finish reading over the weekend, with last discussion on Monday.
8. Give test Tuesday.
9. Do extras before or after test. (Videos – always after, if done at all; extra projects; skits, charades, TV programs, etc.)
10. Have students fill out a free reading card on this book too.

Free Reading

1. Most days 10 minutes will be spent on free reading. You must read a FR book (not magazine, textbook, or unapproved book). You may not use this time for studying, sleeping, checking out books, or even filling out a card! You must READ!
2. Pages: The number of pages recorded will count as 1/8 of your grade each quarter.

JH	SH	JH	SH
1000 A+.....	1200	610.....C+	720
935 A.....	1120	545.....C	640
870A-	1040	480..... C-.....	560
805 B+.....	960	415..... D+	480
740 B.....	880	350..... D	400
675B-	800	300.....D-.....	320

3. Miscellaneous
 - a. Bonus pages will be given for Christian Biography books. CB books of 100-225 pages will receive 50 bonus pages. CB books over 225 pages will receive 75 bonus pages.
 - b. ALL books must be approved. Penalties for inappropriate books can include no credit and demerits, etc.
 - c. Books must be on your reading level. You will not receive credit for a book below your level (even if you wait until the last minute to turn it in). For example, high school students will not receive credit for Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew, or Three Investigator series.
 - d. Each quarter you will receive credit for no more than two books by the same author.
 - e. You can turn in one book you read this summer for first-quarter credit.
 - f. Free Reading Cards will be graded, and a quiz grade will be recorded for each student quarterly.
 - i. Long Form: 10 points/card; 4 of which will be based on the summary—its grammar, spelling, quality as a summary. Note: This is a summary; not a book-jacket-style “catcher.” The rest of the points will be for name/date, author, title (underlined), pages, questions, number of words. If you fail to turn in a long form each quarter, your free reading grade for that quarter will be reduced an entire letter grade.
 - ii. Short Form: One book per quarter must be on the Long Form. The rest of your reports can be on the short form. Do not neglect to fill in one long form. The quiz grade for short form reports will be 5 points.
 - iii. Due dates. Long form report is due by the following dates: 9/18, 10/20, 1/29, 4/15.
 - iv. Every book turned in “early” will receive bonus pages credit as follows:

Points	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
20	09/8	11/10	01/19	04/5
10	09/29	12/1	02/9	04/26
All books due	10/16	12/11	03/4	05/10
 - g. No credit will be given for books you read for FR last year. If you cannot remember what you turned in, check with me. I have a copy.
 - h. Books must be completely read this school year (with the exception of one that you started or read completely this summer). Do not turn in a free reading card for a book unless you started it since school started this year. Do not turn in a card until you have finished the book. By writing the report you are telling me that you have completely read the book. It is dishonest to get credit for something you did not do.

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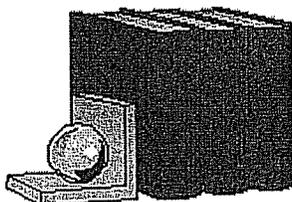
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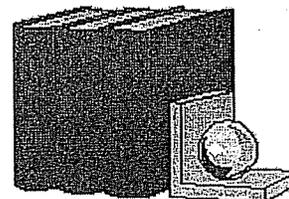
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Year	Title	Author	Lexile	Call Number
2010	When You Reach Me	Rebecca Stead	Lexile: 750	PZ7.S80857 Wh 2009
2009	The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman	Lexile: 820	PZ7.G1273 Gr 2008
2008	Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!: Voices From a Medieval Village	Laura Amy Schlitz	Lexile: NP	PS3619.C43 C55 2007
2007	The Higher Power of Lucky	Susan Patron	Lexile: 1010	PZ7.P27565 Hig 2006
2006	Criss Cross	Lynne Rae Perkins	Lexile: 820	PZ7 .P4313 Cr 2005
2005	Kira-Kira	Cynthia Kadohata	Lexile: 740	PZ7 .K1166 Ki 2004
2004	The Tale of Despereaux	Kate DiCamillo	Lexile: 670	PZ8 .D525 Tal 2003
2003	Crispin: The Cross of Lead	Avi	Lexile: 780	PZ7 .A953 Cr 2002
2002	A Single Shard	Linda Sue Park	Lexile: 920	PZ7 .P22115 Si 2001
2001	A Year Down Yonder	Richard Peck	Lexile: 610	PZ7 .P338 Yh 2000
2000	Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis	Lexile: 950	PZ7 .C94137 Bu 1999
1999	Holes	Louis Sachar	Lexile: 660	PZ7 .S1185 Ho 1998
1998	Out of the Dust	Karen Hesse	Lexile: NP	PZ7 .H4364 Ou 1997
1997	The View from Saturday	E. L. Konigsburg	Lexile: 870	PZ7 .K8352 Vi 1996
1996	Midwife's Apprentice	Karen Cushman	Lexile: 1240	PZ7 .C962 Mi 1995
1995	Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech	Lexile: 770	PZ7 .C8615 Wal 1994