

Summer Reading

St. Pius X Regional School

2019 Reading Lists

Summer reading for grades 5 - 8 is required:

- Each student entering Grade 5 must read 2 books from the fifth grade list and return the applicable signed forms to their Reading teacher in the fall on the first day of school. This is a graded activity.
- Each student entering Grades 6-8 must read 2 books. One of the two books must be chosen from the appropriate grade list of fiction titles. (see below for the list of acceptable titles for each grade) The second books **MUST** be a **BIOGRAPHY** with a minimum of 100 pages of their choosing, some are listed. Students must return both applicable signed forms to the Reading teacher in the fall on the first day of school. This is a graded activity.
- All reading lists and forms will be available on the St. Pius website about June 17th.
- All lists and forms are below.

ST. PIUS X - SUMMER READING
Incoming Grade 8 (2019)

1. Each student entering Grade 8 must read 2 books. One of the two books must be chosen from the appropriate grade list of fiction titles. (see below for the list of acceptable titles for 8th grade)
2. The second books MUST be a BIOGRAPHY with a minimum of 100 pages of their choosing, some are listed.
3. Students must return the applicable signed forms (one form for the fiction title and one form for the biography title) to the Reading teacher in the fall on the first day of school. (both forms are below)
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TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY
Across Five Aprils (fiction)	Hunt J PB FIC HUN	The events of the Civil War unfold across five years.
Airborn (fiction)	Oppel J PB FIC OPP	A cabin boy on an airship and a girl passenger team up to search for mysterious winged creatures reported to live hundreds of feet above the earth's surface.
And Then There Were None (fiction)	Christie TEEN PG SUS CHR	Ten previously unacquainted people who are lured via various pretexts to Indian Island, a resort home off the coast of Devon--and are promptly accused by their unseen host of having escaped punishment for past crimes.
Archimedes and the Door of Science (biography)	Bendick J BIO ARCHIME DES	One of the important scientists of ancient Greece, and an explanation of his contributions to physics, astronomy, and mathematics.
Biographies (biography)	various	Any biography of an historical figure, inventor, scientist, author, musician or artist. Minimum of 150 pages.
Bread and Roses Too (fiction)	Paterson J FIC PAT Woodson	Jake and Rosa form a friendship as they try to survive the 1912 strike of mill workers in Massachusetts. Historical fiction at its best! Mrs. McGinnis recommends it!
Brown Girl Dreaming (fiction)	J BIO WOODSON	Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.
Bucking the Sarge (fiction)	Curtis YA FIC CUR	Coping with his mother's shady business dealings, 14-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the "Happy Neighbor Group Home for Men" and continuing to dream of going to college. (Very humorous)

*The Call of the Wild (fiction)	London J PB FIC LON	Buck, who is half St. Bernard and half Scotch shepherd, is abducted and taken to the Klondike where he reverts to the wild and becomes a leader of a pack of wolves.
Chains (fiction)	Anderson YA FIC AND	After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.
Chronicles of Vladimir Tod (fiction)	Brewer F BRE	Vlad has to keep his vampire urges under control while dealing with the pressures of middle school.
Code Orange (fiction)	Cooney YA FIC COO	While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.
Code Talker: a Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II (fiction)	Bruchac J FIC BRU	After being taught that the Navajo language is useless, many Navaho men are recruited by the Marines to send messages during WWII in code - the Navajo language.
*Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court (fiction)	Twain CLASSIC TWA	A classic satire pokes fun at the romanticized notions of chivalry and the idealization of the middle ages.
Cracker!: The Best Dog in Vietnam (fiction)	Kadohata J FIC KAD	A realistic story of an army dog named Cracker and her 17-year-old handler, Rick Hanski. The heartfelt tale explores the close bond of the scout-dog team, relating how it detects booby traps and mines, finds the enemy, and joins a covert rescue operation.
The Crossover (fiction)	Alexander J FIC ALE	Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off <i>the</i> court as their father ignores his declining health.
Dairy Queen (or the sequel The Off Season) (fiction)	Murdock TEEN FIC MUR	A girl must decide if she can follow in her college "football hero" brothers' footsteps. Will she make the team and be allowed to play? What will her new "boy interest" think?
Devil's Arithmetic, The (fiction)	Yolen J FIC YOL	Hannah dreads going to her Passover Seder, but when she opens the door to welcome the prophet Elijah, she is transported back in time to a Polish village in 1942. Nazi soldiers come to take everyone away.
Fever, 1793 (fiction)	Anderson TEEN PB FIC AND	Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.
The Final Warning: a Maximum Ride Novel (fiction)	Patterson TEEN FIC PAT	A girl has to save herself from an army assembled just to capture her – and maybe save the planet while she's at it!
The Goose Girl (fiction)	Hale TEEN FIC HAL	On her way to marry a prince she's never met, Princess Anidori is betrayed by her guards and lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and claim her crown.
Heat (fiction)	Lupica J PB FIC LUP	Pitching prodigy Michael Arroya is on the run because rival coaches doubt he is only 12 years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.
*The Hobbit: or there and back again (fiction)	Tolkein J FIC TOL	Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.
Homeless Bird (fiction)	Whelan J PB FIC WHE	When 13 year old Koly enters into an ill-fated marriage, she must suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.

*The Hound of the Baskervilles (fiction)	Doyle YA PB CLS D	In what is arguably both the best Sherlock Holmes story in the canon and one of the classic all-time mystery novels, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle parlays his interest in the occult with keen scientific detection in a story that prominently showcases Dr. Watson.
House of the Scorpion, The (fiction)	Farmer TEEN PB SFF FAR	As Matt struggles to understand his existence, he is threatened by a sinister cast of characters. National Book Award (2002)
*Journey to the Center of the Earth (fiction)	Verne CLASSIC VER	Professor Hardwigg, his nephew Harry, and their guide Hans explore a volcanic crater in Iceland that leads them to the center of the earth and to incredible and horrifying discoveries.
Keeper (fiction)	Peet TEEN PB FIC PEE	In an interview with a young journalist, World Cup hero, El Gato, describes his youth in the Brazilian rain forest and the events, experiences, and people that helped make him a great goalkeeper and renowned soccer star.
The Killing Sea (fiction)	Lewis TEEN PB FIC LEW	Set on the western coast of Sumatra where a Tsunami's waves first hit land, Ruslan, a local teenager searching corpse-strewn ruins for his father, and Sarah, a young American tourist desperately seeking medical help for her little brother. (Black Eyed Susan Nominee)
Let the Circle Be Unbroken (fiction)	Taylor J FIC TAY	Four black children growing up during the Depression experience racial prejudice, but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need to survive.
My Brother Sam Is Dead (fiction)	Collier TEEN PB FIC COL	All his life, Tim Meeker has looked up to his brother Sam. Sam's smart and brave -- and is now a part of the American Revolution. Most people in town are supporters of the British -- including Tim and Sam's father. Tim knows he'll have to make a choice -- between the Revolutionaries and the Redcoats . . . and between his brother and his father.
My Name is Not Easy (fiction)	Edwardson FIC EDW	Alaskans Luke, Chickie, Sonny, Donna, and Amiq relate their experiences in the early 1960s when they must attend a Catholic boarding school where, despite different tribal affiliations, they come to find a sort of family and home.
Nation (fiction)	Pratchett TEEN SFF PRA	Worlds are destroyed and cultures collide when a tsunami hits islands in a vast ocean much like the Pacific.
No More Dead Dogs (fiction)	Korman TEEN PB FIC KOR	Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.
Numbering All the Bones (fiction)	Rinaldi TEEN PB FIC RIN	Story of a slave girl living near Andersonville Prison during the Civil War.
*Of Mice and Men (fiction)	Steinbeck CLASSIC STE	The tragic story of two itinerant ranch hands on the run--one is the lifelong companion to the other, a developmentally disabled man.
The Other Side of the Island (fiction)	Goodman TEEN FIC GOO	Born in the eighteenth year of Enclosure, ten-year-old Honor lives in a highly regulated colony with her defiant parents, but when they have an illegal second child and are taken away, it is up to Honor and her friend Helix, another "unpredictable", to uncover a terrible secret about their island and the corporation that runs everything.
*The Outsiders (fiction)	Hinton TEEN PB FIC HIN	The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society

Peak (fiction)	Smith TEEN PB FIC SMI	Can a 14 year old boy possibly reach the top of Mt. Everest? Read an exciting book to find out.
Pendragon: The Merchant of Death (fiction)	MacHale TEEN PB SFF MAC	Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal fourteen-year-old boy. He has a family, a home, and even Marley, his beloved dog. But there is something very special about Bobby. He is going to save the world. ... Before he can object, he is swept off to an alternate dimension known as Denduron, a territory inhabited by strange beings, ruled by a magical tyrant, and plagued by dangerous revolution.
Redwall (fiction)	Jacques J FIC JAC	When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat, Cluny, a young mouse determines to find the sword of Martin the Warrior and destroy the enemy.
Shark Girl (fiction)	Bingham TEEN FIC BIN	Jane Arrowood wonders if she will forever be known as the "Shark Girl," who survived a shark attack. A popular 15-year-old suddenly feels extraordinarily different with prosthesis where her arm should be.
The Skin I'm In (fiction)	Flake TEEN PB FIC FLA	Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.
**St Joan: the Girl Soldier (biography)	De Wohl	St. Joan of Arc. De Wohl uses his famed narrative skill to tell young people about the brave teenage French girl who had visions and led armies in battle, but also about how her entire life testifies to the amazing power of God's grace.
**St Thomas Aquinas: And the Preaching Beggars (biography)	Larnen/ Lomask	The story of St. Thomas Aquinas is one full of moving and dramatic scenes: the flaming destruction of Monte Cassino Abbey, the reception into the Dominican order of the quiet, determined young Thomas, the breath-taking escape from the donjon tower, and the striking instances of the saint's eloquence and brilliance.
*Three Musketeers (fiction)	Dumas CLASSIC DUM	In seventeenth-century France, young D'Artagnan initially quarrels with then befriends three musketeers, Athos, Porthos, and Aramis, and joins them in trying to outwit the enemies of the king and queen.
Wednesday Wars (fiction)	Schmidt J FIC SCH	During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.
The Westing Game (fiction)	Raskin J PB MYS RAS	The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.
When the Black Girl Sings (fiction)	Wright YA FIC WRI	Adopted by white parents and sent to an exclusive Connecticut girls' school where she is the only black student, fourteen-year-old Lahni Schuler feels like an outcast, particularly when her parents separate, but after attending a local church where she hears gospel music for the first time, she finds her voice.
When My Name Was Keoko (fiction)	Park Y FIC PAR	With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.
*White Fang (fiction)	London CLASSIC LON	Half wolf, half dog, White Fang fully understands the cruelty of both nature and humans. After nearly starving to death during the frigid Arctic winter, he's taken in first by a man who "trains" him through constant whippings, and then by another who forces him to participate in vicious dogfights.

*The Witch of Blackbird Pond (fiction)	Speare J PB FIC SPE	Puritan neighbors regard Kit Tyler with suspicion, fear, and anger when she befriends an old woman accused of witchcraft. Can she survive in this new land? Will she find love?
Vanishing Act (fiction)	Feinstein TEEN PB FIC FEI	Eighth-grade sports reporters Susan Carol and Stevie reunite at the U.S. Open tennis championships where they investigate the mysterious disappearance of a top Russian player.
*The Yearling (fiction)	Rawlings J PB FIC RAW	A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet.

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Incoming Grade 7 – 2019

1. Each student entering Grade 7 must read 2 books. One of the two books must be chosen from the appropriate grade list of fiction titles. (see below for the list of acceptable titles for 8th grade)
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*Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (fiction)	Doyle J FIC DOY	He's rude, arrogant, cold, unfriendly, and easily bored. Nobody minds, because he is a genius at solving mysteries. But to interest Sherlock Holmes at all, the case must be impossible.
The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had (fiction)	Levine J FIC LEV	When a new postmaster arrives in Moundville, AL, 12-year-old Dit is surprised to discover that Mr. Walker is African American and that his refined daughter knows nothing about baseball, hunting, or fishing.
Biographies (biography)	Various	Any biography of an historical figure, inventor, scientist, author, musician or artist. Minimum of 150 pages.
The Cabinet of Curiosities: 36 Tales of Brief & Sinister (fiction)	Bachmann J STORIES BAC	Thirty-six eerie short tales, most of which were originally published on the blog of the same name, relate to an imaginary museum of creepy artifacts and are arranged into such thematic "drawers" as love, luck, song, and fairy tales.
Catherine, Called Birdy (fiction)	Cushman J PB FIC CUS	Medieval England is the background for this story of a spirited girl written in diary form.
Climbing the Stairs (fiction)	Venkatraman TEEN FIC VEN	In India, in 1941, when her father becomes brain-damaged in a non-violent protest march, fifteen-year-old Vidya and her family are forced to move in with her father's extended family and become accustomed to a totally different way of life.
Dogsong (fiction)	Paulsen TEEN PB FIC PAU	An exciting adventure of an Eskimo boy, who takes a 1400 mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains.
Escaping the Giant Wave (fiction)	Kehret J PB FIC KEH	A family's vacation plans unravel when an earthquake and then tsunamis hit the area.
Gifted Hands: The Story of Ben Carson (biography)	Lewis J BIO CARSON	The inspirational story of Ben Carson, an African American pediatric neurosurgeon, who achieved his life goals in spite of the many obstacles he encountered.
The Graveyard Book (fiction) (Newberry)	Gaiman J FIC GAI	The story is about a boy named Nobody Owens, whose family is killed by a mysterious man named Jack, and who is subsequently adopted and raised by the occupants of an old, ornate graveyard.
The Graduation of Jake Moon (fiction)	Park J PAR	Fourteen-year-old Jake recalls how he has spent the last four years of his life watching his grandfather descend slowly but surely into the horrors of Alzheimer's disease.

H.I.V.E. The Higher Institute of Villainous Education (fiction)	Walden TEEN PB FIC WAL	The children have been brought against their will to be trained as the next generation of super villains. They refuse to be held prisoner at the institution and develop a scheme to escape from the island, but can they overcome those trying to stop them?
Jacob Have I Loved (fiction)	Paterson J FIC PAT	Having spent her life feeling deprived of schooling, friends, a mother, and even her name, Louise finally begins to find her identity.
*Legend of Sleepy Hollow (fiction)	Irving J FIC IRV	Ichabod Crane, a schoolmaster from Connecticut, moves to the town of Sleepy Hollow to teach in a one-room schoolhouse. Ichabod soon becomes a familiar with local lore involving a Headless Horseman. When Ichabod attempts to win young Katrina Van Tassel's heart, he finds himself falling prey to the legendary horseman.
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy (fiction)	Schmidt J FIC SCH	Turner Buckminster hates his new home, but things change when he meets Lizzie, an African American girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves.
Magyk (book one) (fiction)	Sage J FIC SAG	After learning that she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried toward safety by the Extraordinary Wizard, those she always believed were her father and brother, and a young guard known only as Boy 412--pursued by agents of those who killed her mother ten years earlier.
The Man Who Was Poe (fiction)	J FIC AVI	A spine-chilling tale of mystery and murder.
March Toward The Thunder (fiction)	Bruchac TEEN FIC BRU	Louis Nollette, a fifteen-year-old Abenaki Indian, joins the Irish Brigade in 1864 to fight for the Union in the Civil War. Based on the author's great-grandfather; includes author's note.
Maximum Ride: School's Out-Forever (fiction)	Patterson TEEN PB FIC PAT	Six genetically altered, winged youths try to live a normal life, but Max's ultimate destiny is to save the world, whether she wants to or not! Great Adventure!
**Miracles of John Paul II (biography)	Zuchniewicz	The life and impact of Pope John Paul II as told by individuals from all over the world who give moving personal testimonies how they experienced healings through the intercession of Pope John Paul II during his lifetime. From little children to old age adults, including Cardinals, well-known lay people and many others, these detailed testimonies reveal amazing healings and answers to prayers through the direct intervention of John Paul II while still alive.
Moon Over Manifest (fiction)	Vanderpool J FIC VAN	Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past.
The Mystery at Blackbeard's Cove (fiction)	Penn J FIC PEN	Four young teens set out to solve a mystery involving Blackbeard and other notorious pirates. If you've ever been to the beach in North Carolina, you'll want to read this exciting book--and there is a sequel!
*National Velvet (fiction)	Bagnold J FIC BAG	A determined girl and boy and a spirited thoroughbred horse join forces to attain the seemingly impossible dream of winning the Grand National Steeplechase.
Okay for Now (fiction)	Schmidt J FIC SCH	As a fourteen-year-old who just moved to a new town, with no friends, an abusive father, and a louse for an older brother, Doug Swieteck has all the stats stacked against him until he finds an ally in Lil Spicer--a fiery young lady. Together, they find a safe haven in the local library, inspiration in learning about the plates of John James Audubon's birds, and a hilarious adventure on a Broadway stage.
Peeled (fiction)	Bauer TEEN FIC BAU	In an upstate New York farming community, high school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted.
Powerless (fiction)	Cody J FIC COD	Soon after moving to Noble's Green, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Daniel learns that his new friends have super powers that they will lose when they turn thirteen, unless he can use his brain power to protect them.

Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America (biography)	Robinson J BIO ROBINSON	A biography of the first African American to play in the major leagues told by his daughter.
The Ransom of Mercy Carter (fiction)	Cooney	In 1704, in Massachusetts, Mercy and her family and neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies, and forced to march to Canada.
The Red Pyramid (fiction)	Riordan J FIC RIO	A child has godlike powers but doesn't know it until strange things begin to unfold. A parent disappears, prompting introductions to ancient characters and travels to otherworldly places.
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (fiction) (Newberry)	Taylor J FIC TAY	This is the story of Cassie Logan and her family. A family determined not to lose their humanity because they are black. It takes place in Mississippi during the Depression. It's a story you won't forget.
Savvy (fiction) (Newberry Honor)	Law J FIC LAW	Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.
Schooled (fiction)	Korman TEEN PB FIC KOR	Capricorn Anderson had never watched a television show before. He'd never tasted a pizza. He had never even heard of a wedgie. And he had never, in his wildest dreams, thought of living anywhere but Garland Farm commune with his hippie caretaker, Rain
Scorpions (fiction)	Myers J PB FIC MYE	Reluctantly taking on the leadership of the Harlem gang, the Scorpions, Jamal finds that his enemies treat him with respect when he acquires a gun--until a tragedy occurs.
The Silent Boy (fiction)	Lowry Y FIC LOW	Katy is a doctor's daughter in the early 20th century, and her curiosity is tolerated, even encouraged. This explains her relationship with the 14-year-old brother of her family's hired girl, Peggy. Jacob is "the silent boy" who somehow communicates with animals, but only makes humming and clicking sounds when he is with people. Katy and Jacob develop an unusual and treasured friendship until a tragedy occurs.
Silver on the Tree (fiction)	Cooper J PB FIC COO	In this conclusion of the "Dark Is Rising" sequence, Will Stanton, the Welsh boy Bran, and the Drew children try to locate the crystal sword that alone can vanquish the strong forces of the Dark.
Stargirl (fiction)	Spinelli TEEN PB FIC SPI	When Stargirl, a previously homeschooled high schooler, enters Mica High, the students aren't sure how to respond to her eccentric behavior.
**St Pius X: The Farm Boy Who Became Pope (biography)	Diethelm	This is a true story of St. Pius X. Young readers will be inspired by the life of this holy man--from his youthful days of hard work and prayer to receive the education he needed to his years as country priest, encouraging his people to holiness.
Tangerine (fiction)	Bloor TEEN PB FIC BLO	So what if he's legally blind? Even with his bottle-thick, bug-eyed glasses, Paul Fisher can see better than most people. He can see the lies his parents and brother live out, day after day. No one ever listens to Paul, though--until the family moves to Tangerine. In Tangerine, even a blind, geeky, alien freak can become cool. Who knows? Paul might even become a hero!
A Thousand Never Evers (fiction)	Burg J FIC BUR	As the civil rights movement in the South gains momentum in 1963--and violence against African Americans intensifies--the black residents, including seventh-grader Addie Ann Pickett, in the small town of Kuckachoo, Mississippi, begin their own courageous struggle for racial justice.
*To Kill a Mockingbird (fiction)	Lee CLASSIC LEE	The explosion of racial hate in an Alabama town is viewed by a little girl whose father defends a black man.
*War of the Worlds (fiction)	Wells J FIC WEL	As life on Mars becomes impossible, Martians and their terrifying machines invade the earth.

*Watership Down (fiction)	Adams TEEN PB SFF ADA	Tale of adventure, courage and survival follows a band of very special creatures on their flight from the intrusion of man and the certain destruction of their home. Led by a stouthearted pair of brothers, they journey forth from their native Sandleford Warren through the harrowing trials posed by predators and adversaries, to a mysterious promised land and a more perfect society.
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town (fiction)	Holt J PB FIC HOL	During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world. When Zachary's guardian and business partner disappears, leaving the teen alone, Toby and Cal befriend him. The boys learn about themselves and the true meaning of friendship
The Witches (fiction)	Dahl J FIC DAH	A young boy discovers that the witches of England want to turn all the children into mice. What can he do to prevent this tragedy???? Hilarious!

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Incoming Grade 6 - 2019

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*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (fiction)	Verne Classic VER	Science-fiction tale about a French professor and his companions who are trapped aboard a futuristic submarine with a mad sea captain and come face to face with exotic ocean creatures and strange sights hidden from the world above.
Al Capone Does My Shirts (fiction)	Choldenko J FIC CHO	A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.
Babe & Me (fiction) (or any in this series)	Gutman J PB FIC GUT	With their ability to travel back in time using baseball cards, Joe and his father try to find out whether Babe Ruth really did call his shot in the third game of the 1932 World Series.
Biographies (biography)	various	Any biography of an historical figure, inventor, scientist, author, musician or artist. Minimum of 100 pages.
*Black Beauty (fiction)	Sewell J FIC SEW	A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experiences with both good and bad masters.
Bloomability (fiction)	Creech J PB FIC CRE	When her aunt and uncle take her from New Mexico to Switzerland to attend an international school, 13-year-old Dinnie discovers her place in the world.
Blue Jasmine (fiction)	Sheth J FIC SHE	When twelve-year-old Seema moves to Iowa City with her parents and younger sister, she leaves friends and family behind in her native India but gradually begins to feel at home in her new country.
Boston Jane (fiction)	Holm J FIC HOL	In 1854, Miss Jane Peck finds little use for manners during her long sea voyage to the Pacific Northwest and while living among the Chinook Indians of Washington Territory.

A Boy at War: a novel of Pearl Harbor (fiction)	Mazer Teen FIC MAZ	In Honolulu on December 7, 1941, teenaged Adam is caught in the midst of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. His father is serving on the USS Arizona when the bombs fall. (Sequel: "A Boy No More".)
Breadcrumbs (fiction)	Ursu J FIC URS	Hazel and Jack are best friends until an accident with a magical mirror and a run-in with a villainous queen find Hazel on her own, entering an enchanted wood in the hopes of saving Jack's life
Breadwinner, The (fiction)	Ellis J FIC ELL	Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest.
Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything In It (fiction)	Frazier J FIC FRA	Brendan is budding rock hound who discovers he is not the only family member who collects them. This hobby soon leads him to ask questions that aren't all that easy to answer or accept.
Cay, The (fiction)	Taylor J PB FIC TAY	When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, an adolescent white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion.
Cracker Jackson (fiction)	Byars	Cracker Jackson has a big, serious, adult problem. He finds out that his old babysitter is in danger. He's the only one who can help her, but what's an 11 year-old to do?
Egypt Game, The (fiction)	Snyder J FIC SNY	A group of children, studying Egypt, play their own Egypt game, are visited by a secret oracle, become involved in a murder, and befriend a professor.
Eleven (fiction)	Giff J FIC GIF	When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.
Escape: The Story of the Great Houdini (biography)	Fleischman J BIO HOUDINI	Who was this man who could walk through brick walls and, with a snap of his fingers, vanish elephants? In these pages you will meet the astonishing Houdini—magician, ghost chaser, daredevil, pioneer aviator, and king of escape artists.
A Girl Named Disaster (fiction)	Farmer J PB FIC FAR	While fleeing from Mozambique to Zimbabwe to escape an unwanted marriage, Nhamo, an eleven-year-old Shona girl, struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.
Inkheart (fiction)	Funke J FIC FUN	Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service.
Journal of James Edmond Pease: a	Murphy	Tells the story of the brave and rigorous army life of a 16-year-old Union soldier who has been ordered by his commanding officer to

Civil War Union Soldier, The (fiction)		keep a written record of “G” Company during the most brutal years of the Civil War. (My Name is America series)
Julie of the Wolves (fiction)	George J FIC GEO	Julie finds herself lost in the Alaskan wilderness, without food, without even a compass to guide her. Slowly she is accepted by a pack of wolves, who help save her life.
King of Shadows (fiction)	Cooper J FIC COO	While in London as part of an all-boy acting company, Nat finds himself transported to 1599 and performing under Shakespeare himself.
Leap of Faith (fiction)	Bradley J FIC BRA	Forced to attend a Catholic middle school because of her conduct, Abigail discovers a talent for theater and develops a true religious faith.
Lincoln: A Photo biography (biography)	Freedman J BIO LINCOLN	Photographs and drawings help tell the story of the life of our 16 th president.
*Little Women (fiction)	Alcott J PB FIC ALC	A tale of four sisters, their childhood, their love for their parents, their arguments, and their growth from childhood to womanhood.
Loser (fiction)	Spinelli J PB FIC SPI	Even though his classmates consider him strange, Donald Zimkoff’s optimism and the support of his family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.
Love that Dog (fiction)	Creech J PB FIC CRE	Written in poetic verse, this novel is told through the writing of young Jack, who at first expresses an extreme dislike of poetry but, with the guidance of his teacher and the inspiration of model poems, Jack develops his poetry and uses it to memorialize his pet dog.
The Madman of Piney Woods (fiction)	Curtis J HISTORIC CUR	Even though it is now 1901, the people of Buxton, Canada (originally a settlement of runaway slaves) and Chatham, Canada are still haunted by two events of half a century before--the American Civil War, and the Irish potato famine, and the lasting damage those events caused to the survivors.
The Magician’s Elephant (fiction)	DiCamillo J FIC DIC	A fortune teller’s strange prediction and a magician’s startling trick lead Peter on an extraordinary journey to find his sister in the kingdom of Baltese.
Mister Monday (fiction)	Nix J PB FIC NIX	The mysterious Mister Monday gives Arthur Penhaligon a strange key to a house only he can see. (The first book in a great series.)
Mockingbird (fiction)	Erskine J FIC ERS	Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.
The Mysterious Benedict Society (fiction)	Stewart J FIC STE	After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

Out of the Dust (fiction)	Hesse J FIC HES	The story of a young girl growing up during the Oklahoma dustbowl.
Over Sea, Under Stone (fiction)	Cooper J PB FIC COO	Three children on vacation in Cornwall find an ancient manuscript which sends them on a dangerous quest that entraps them in the eternal battle between the forces of the Light and the Dark.
Paint the Wind (fiction)	Ryan J FIC RYA	When Maya's grandmother dies, she is given the opportunity to learn about herself, her family and a mysterious mustang.
Peter and the Starcatchers (fiction)	Barry J FIC BAR	A fast-paced, impossible-to-put-down adventure awaits as the young orphan Peter and his mates are dispatched to an island ruled by the evil King Zarboff.
Rain Reign (fiction)	Martin J FIC MAR	Struggling with Asperger's, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet.
Redwall (fiction)	Jacques J FIC JAC	When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat, Cluny, a young mouse determines to find the sword of Martin the Warrior and destroy the enemy.
Single Shard (fiction)	Park J FIC PAR	Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.
Skeleton Man (fiction)	Bruchac J PB FIC BRU	After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great uncle", Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Indian story for her safety and maybe her life.
*The Secret Garden (fiction)	Burnett J PB FIC BUR	A classic story of an orphaned girl, a wheelchair bound boy and a young lad with a love for nature. Together they care for an abandoned garden and each other.
Spirit Animals-series (fiction)	Various Authors J FANTASY SPI	In the world of Erdas, when children turn 11, they drink Nectar in order to see if they will have a spirit animal. Conor, Abeke, Meilin, and Rollan are chosen, and, with their spirit animals-a wolf, a leopard, a panda, and a falcon-they must summon the Four Fallen, Great Beasts that gave their lives many years earlier to defeat the Devourer. (Book 1: <i>Wild Born</i>)
**St Dominic and the Rosary (biography)	Beebe	St. Dominic led a life of excitement and adventure. As a boy he sold his books to feed the poor and offered himself as ransom for a prisoner. His greatest adventures came when he walked from town to town and stood fearlessly in the market to preach.
**St Ignatius and the Company of Jesus (biography)	Derleth	As a young man, Ignatius had dreams of an adventurous life as a soldier. His dreams, however, did not come true the way he had hoped. Seriously wounded in battle, the soldier Ignatius had a profound conversion to Christ during his period of healing and recovery. He abandoned a promising career in the military and dedicated the rest of his life to the service of Christ and the Church.
A Tale Dark and Grimm (fiction)	Gidwitz J FIC GID	Follows Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering such wicked creatures as witches, along with kindly strangers and other helpful folk. Based in part on the Grimms' fairy tales Faithful Johannes, Hansel and

		Gretel, The seven ravens, Brother and sister, The robber bridegroom, and The devil and his three golden hairs.
*The children's Homer : the adventures of Odysseus and the tale of Troy (fiction)	Green J 883 COL	A retelling of the events of the Trojan War and the wanderings of Odysseus based on Homer's Iliad and Odyssey. Travel back to a mythical time when Achilles, aided by the gods, waged war against the Trojans. and join Odysseus on his journey through murky waters, facing obstacles like the terrifying scylla and whirring charybdis, the beautiful enchantress Circe, and the land of the raging cyclopes.
The Thief Lord (fiction)	Funke J FIC FUN	The Thief Lord leads a band of street children who enjoy making mischief. However, he also has a dark secret. The story takes place in Venice, Italy. Good adventure!
Time Cat (fiction)	Alexander J FIC ALE	Jason and his magic cat, Gareth, travel through time to visit countries all over the world during many times of history.
*Treasure Island (fiction)	Stevenson J PB FIC STE	While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads them to a pirate's fortune.
Under the Blood Red Sun (fiction)	Salisbury TEEN PB FIC SAL	Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.
When You Reach Me (fiction)	Stead J FIC STE	As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.
White Horse Talisman (fiction)	Spalding J FIC SPA	Chantel and Adam are on summer vacation in England with their cousins Holly and Owen. The first night, Chantel sees a shooting star, and because she believes in magic, Equus, one of the Wise Ones, is able to communicate with her. Because the powers of the Dark Being are growing stronger, the Wise Ones need human help to find their three "objects of power" that were buried on Earth for safekeeping in the old times.
*Wind in the Willows (fiction)	Grahame J FIC GRA	The escapades of four animal friends who live along a river in the English countryside - Toad, Mole, Rat, and Badger. When Mr. Toad gets a new motor car, he gets them all in trouble.
Witch Catcher (fiction)	Hahn J FIC HAH	Having just moved into an inherited house, 12-year-old Jen is surprised that her widowed father is dating, but more surprised when she learns what the spooky woman wants!
*The Yearling (fiction)	Rawlings J FIC RAW	A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet.

ST. PIUS X - SUMMER READING
Incoming Grade 5 – 2019

- 1. All incoming 5th graders must read two books from this list.**
- 2. Complete the appropriate 5th Grade SPX Summer Reading Review Form- Fiction, non-fiction or Biography for each book and have them signed by a parent or guardian. Return the forms to your reading teacher the first week of school. (forms are below)**

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TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY
11 Birthdays (fiction)	Mass J FIC MAS	After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fallen out on their tenth and not speaking to each other for the last year, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.
Abduction (fiction)	Kehret J FIC KEH	Even though he has been told to never go anywhere with a stranger, a young boy and his school are fooled by a cunning man. A must read!!!
At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England (biography)	Myers J BIO BONETTA MYE	Biography of the African princess saved from execution and taken to England where she lived for a time before marrying an African missionary.
Biographies (biography)	various	Any biography of a historical figure, inventor, scientist, author, musician or artist. <u>Minimum of 80 pages.</u>
Call it Courage (fiction)	Sperry J PB FIC SPE	Recalls how Mafatu, a young Polynesian boy whose name means Stout Heart, overcomes his terrible fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his people.
The Cheshire Cheese Cat: a Dickens of a Tale (fiction)	Deedy J FIC DEE	A community of mice and a cheese-loving cat form an unlikely alliance at London's Cheshire Cheese, an inn where Charles Dickens finds inspiration and Queen Victoria makes an unexpected appearance.
Chevrolet Saturdays (fiction)	Boyd J FIC BOY	When he enters 5 th grade after his mother's remarriage, Joey has trouble adjusting to his new teacher and his new stepfather.
Crooked Kind of Perfect (fiction)	Urban J FIC URB	Ten-year-old Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano but must resign herself to learning the organ, instead, finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life.
Crispin: The Cross of Lead (fiction)	Avi J FIC AVI	Falsely accused of murder and theft, an orphaned boy in England flees his village and meets a juggler who has a dangerous secret.
Diamond Willow (fiction)	Frost J FIC FRO	As Diamond Willow seeks for more independence, will her choices cost the life of the family's beloved sled dog? Will the animals that watch over her see her safely home?
The Doll People (fiction)	Martin J FIC MAR	A family of porcelain doll people is shocked when a new family of plastic dolls arrive, who won't follow the Doll Code of Honor.
Everything on a Waffle (fiction)	Horvath J PB FIC FOR	Eleven-year-old Primrose, living in a small fishing village in British Columbia, tells all that she knows about human nature and life after her parents are lost at sea. Bonus: a recipe at the end of each chapter.
Girl of the Shining Mountains (fiction)	Roop J FIC ROO	This historical fiction novel about the Lewis and Clark expedition is told from the point of view of Sacagawea.

Gone Crazy in Alabama (fiction)	Williams-Garcia J HISTORIC WIL	Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern are off to Alabama to visit their grandmother, Big Ma, and her mother, Ma Charles. Across the way lives Ma Charles's half sister, Miss Trotter. The two half sisters haven't spoken in years. As Delphine hears about her family history, she uncovers the surprising truth that's been keeping the sisters apart. But when tragedy strikes, Delphine discovers that the bonds of family run deeper than she ever knew possible.
Granny Torelli Makes Soup (fiction)	Creech J PB FIC CRE	With the help of her grandmother, Rosie works out some problems with her best friend, Baily.
Inside Out and Back Again (fiction)	Lai J FIC LAI	Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, <i>and</i> her brothers leave Vietnam <i>and</i> resettle in Alabama.
*The Jungle Book (fiction)	Kipling J FIC KIP	In the jungles of India Mowgli, a human boy, grows up under the protection and tutelage of a pack of wolves, Shere Kan the tiger, Bagheera the panther, Baloo the bear, and others, but must choose one day between humans and his animal family.
Keeper (fiction)	Appelt J FIC APP	On the night of the blue moon when mermaids are said to gather on a sandbar in the Gulf of Mexico, ten-year-old <i>Keeper</i> sets out in a small boat, with her dog BD and a seagull named Captain, determined to find her mother, a mermaid, as <i>Keeper</i> has always believed, who left long ago to return to the sea.
The Key That Swallowed Joey Pigza (fiction)	Gantos F FIC GAN	Everything goes topsy-turvy for Joey as he becomes the man of the house, looking after his new baby brother, taking care of his troubled mother, and seeking out his missing father.
The Kingdom Keepers (fiction)	Pearson YA FIC PEA	Thirteen-year-old Finn Whitman and four other young teens have been transformed into holograms to be guides for visitors to Disney World. When Finn is unexpectedly transported to the Magic Kingdom in his hologram form, Wayne, an Imagineer, tells him that he and the other guides must save the park from the scheming witch Maleficent and the Overtakers.
Little House on the Prairie (any of the series) (fiction)	Wilder J FIC WIL	Follow the story of Laura Ingalls and her family as they experience pioneer life in the 1800s. This is historical fiction.
Matt Christopher Sports Stories (fiction)	Christopher J BIO or J FIC CHR	Matt Christopher's series of sports fiction novels have captured the imagination of young readers everywhere. He also writes about basketball, hockey, soccer and other sports.
Misty of Chincoteague (fiction)	Henry J PB FIC HEN	A wonderful book about a horse and an introduction to Chincoteague Island in Virginia.

The Mostly True Story of Jack Kelly (fiction)	Barnhill J FIC BAR	Jack is practically invisible at home, but when his parents send him to Hazelwood, Iowa, to spend a summer with his odd aunt and uncle, he suddenly makes friends, is beaten up by the town bully, and is plotted against by the richest man in town.
**Mother Carbrini: Missionary to the World (biography)	Keyes	In 1946, Francesca Cabrine was canonized as the first saint of the United States. This Vision Book tells the exciting story of this missionary from Italy who came to America to spread the Faith and to found the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart.
Nory Ryan's Song (fiction)	Giff J FIC GIF	When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, 12-year-old Nory's courage and ingenuity helps her family and neighbors survive.
Nuts to You (fiction)	Perkins J FIC PER	After surviving being carried off by a hawk, a young squirrel resolves to find his way home, as his best friends begin their search for him.
On the Wings of Heroes (fiction)	Peck J FIC PEC	In Illinois, a boy remembers the years of World War II, especially his two heroes – his brother in the Air Force and his father, who fought in World War I.
One Handed Catch (fiction)	Auch J PB FIC AUC	On the Fourth of July after World War II, 11-year-old Norm is helping his father in the family meat market. Norm gets his hand caught in the meat grinder and loses it. He must then face the challenges of one-handed shoe tying, band practice, and his dream of being a baseball player.
Penney From Heaven (fiction)	Holm J FIC HOL	As she turns 12 in the summer of 1953, Penny learns about herself and her family while also learning a secret about her father's death.
Peter and the Starcatchers (fiction)	Barry J FIC BAR	Peter and his mates are dispatched to an island ruled by the evil King Zarboff. They set sail aboard the Never Land, a ship carrying a precious and mysterious trunk in its cargo hold but the journey quickly becomes fraught with excitement and danger.
Pollyanna (fiction)	Porter J PB FIC POR	When orphaned eleven-year-old Pollyanna comes to live with austere and wealthy Aunt Polly, her philosophy of gladness brings happiness to her aunt and other unhappy members of the community.
Preacher's Boy (fiction)	Paterson J FIC PAT	In 1899, Robbie, son of a preacher in a small Vermont town, gets himself into all kinds of trouble when he decides to give up being Christian in order to make the most of his life before the end of the world.
*Robinson Crusoe (fiction)	Defoe J FIC DEF	During one of his several adventurous voyages in the 1600's an Englishman becomes the sole survivor of a shipwreck and lives for nearly thirty years on a deserted island.

Saffy's Angel (fiction)	McKay J PB FIC MCK	Saffy has been adopted by a very different kind of family. They help her go back to Italy, where she was born, to find something from her past.
Shades of Gray (fiction)	Reeder J FIC REE	At the end of the Civil War, twelve-year-old Will, having lost all his immediate family, reluctantly leaves his city home to live in the Virginia countryside with his aunt and the uncle he considers a "traitor" because he refused to take part in the war.
Shiloh (fiction)	Naylor J PB FIC NAY	A story of a stray young beagle. Who does it belong to? Has it been mistreated? Separating right from wrong is not always easy, but sometimes you'll do almost anything to save a dog you love.
Shoeless Joe and Me (or any in this series) (fiction)	Gutman J PB FIC GUT	Joe Stoshack travels back to 1919, where he meets Shoeless Joe Jackson and tries to prevent the fixing of the World Series in which Jackson was wrongly implicated.
The Sisters Grimm (series) (fiction)	Buckley J FIC BUC	Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead.
**St. Pius X: The Farm Boy Who Became Pope (biography)	Diethelm	This is a true story of St. Pius X. Young readers will be inspired by the life of this holy man--from his youthful days of hard work and prayer to receive the education he needed to his years as country priest, encouraging his people to holiness.
Thank You, Jackie Robinson (fiction)	Cohen J FIC COH	A fatherless boy loves the Brooklyn Dodgers and Jackie Robinson. He uses this love to make a dying man happy. A great story!
Through My Eyes (biography)	Bridges J BIO BRIDGES	The courageous story of six-year-old Ruby Bridges who alone integrated an all-white New Orleans elementary school in 1960. (autobiography)
The Turtle of Oman (fiction)	Nye J FIC NYE	When Aref, a third-grader who lives in Muscat, Oman, refuses to pack his suitcase and prepare to move to Michigan, his mother asks for help from his grandfather, his Siddi, who takes Aref around the country, storing up memories he can carry with him to a new home.
United States of America (fiction)	Danziger J FIC DAN	Eleven-year-old Skate experiences many changes when she enters middle school, finds her best friend drifting away from her, and loses her beloved great-uncle.
Wait Till Helen Comes (fiction)	Hahn J FIC HAH	Molly and Michael dislike their spooky new stepsister Heather but realize that they must try to save her when she seems ready to follow a ghost child to her doom.
We are the Ship: the story of Negro League Baseball (non-fiction)	Nelson J 796.357 NEL	Using an "Everyman" player as his narrator, Kadir Nelson tells the story of Negro League baseball from its beginnings in the 1920s through the decline after Jackie Robinson crossed over to the majors in 1947.
*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (fiction)	Baum J FIC BAU	After a cyclone transports her to the land of Oz, Dorothy must seek out the great wizard in order to return to Kansas.

Wonderstruck: a novel in words and pictures (fiction)	Selznick J FIC SEL	Having lost his mother and his hearing in a short time, twelve-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City, and meets there Rose, who is also longing for something missing from her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.
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SPX Summer Reading Review Form – Fiction-incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Title: _____

Author: _____

Setting (brief description): _____

Characters (names and brief personality descriptions): _____

Conflict (the main problem that the main character is trying to solve): _____

3 Complications (circumstances that prevent the main character from solving the conflict): _____

Climax (most exciting part of the story/turning point/main character changes): _____

Resolution (how the main character solves the conflict): _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

SPX Summer Reading Review Form – Biography- incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Title: _____

Author: _____ Date of Publication _____

Number of Pages: _____

Name of person featured in the book: _____

What makes the person in this book notable? _____

What span of time does this biography cover? _____

What is the major accomplishment this person is most known for? Why is that an important accomplishment?

What significant events contributed to this person's life outcome? List them in chronological order.

What obstacles or problems did the subject have to face? _____

3 Complications (circumstances that prevent the main character from solving the conflict): _____

What were the weaknesses, failures, or disappointments for this person? _____

After reading this book would you consider the subject to be someone to look up to as a role model? _____ Why or why not? _____

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What experiences or lessons from this person's life could a reader apply to his or her own life?

What did you like best of all the things that happened to this person? _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

SPX Summer Reading Form for *Fiction*- incoming 5th graders
Do not use this form for biographies or non-fiction titles.

Book Title _____

Author _____

Main Characters _____

Plot Summary _____

I give this book _____ stars out of 5 because _____

Your signature _____ Grade _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

SPX Summer Reading Form for *Biographies*- incoming 5th graders
Do not use this form for fiction books or other non-fiction titles.

Book Title _____

Author: _____

Date of Publication _____ Number of Pages _____

Name of person featured in this book _____

What is this person is most known for? _____

Why is that an important accomplishment? _____

After reading this book, do you think the person is someone to look up to as a role model? _____

Why or why not? _____

I give this book _____ stars out of 5 because _____

Your signature _____ Grade _____

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SPX Summer Reading Form for *Non-fiction*- incoming 5th graders
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Book Title _____

Author _____

Date of Publication _____ Number of Pages _____

Subject of book _____

Why did you choose this book? _____

List 4 new facts you learned from reading this book

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

What piece of information did you find the most interesting? Why? _____

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