

Directions for Summer Reading 2021: Grade 5

1. **Required Reading Title** (*The Sign of the Beaver*) will be assessed in class in August when you return to school. DO NOT do a project on your required book. Read the book close to the end of summer if possible so it is fresh in your mind, and be prepared to take a test on the book.

2. **Book Talk Activity:** (this book can be chosen from either the non-fiction or the fiction list)

While reading the book you choose, you may take notes that will be useful when completing this assignment. When finished reading the book, you will prepare a “book talk” and record it on the website/app called Flipgrid. With the username/login info that your teacher gives you, you will then upload a book talk of 3-5 minutes in length. Your book talk should include a short summary of the plot, including the conflict and solution. It would be very wise to have your book talk written down on notecards or on a piece of paper to use while you record your book talk. Prepare to submit it during the first week of class, and your teacher will instruct you on how to do this.

3. **Book Jacket Activity:** (this book must be from the fiction list)

Use a large piece of drawing paper (about 12 X 18) and fold it in half. Create/draw an original picture for the front of your book jacket. The picture should show a setting or scene that is connected to the book, but *do not copy the picture from the cover of your book!* The title and author’s name should be displayed on the front of the jacket.

Writing Directions for Book Jacket Activity:

You will answer this question: **What is the theme (author’s message) of this book?** Type a single-spaced, column style THREE paragraph response to answer the question. This should not be a summary of the book! Remember, the focus is the theme of the book.

- 1st paragraph should be an introduction that includes the title of your book and author’s name. Explain the setting and the theme you have chosen for the novel.
- 2nd paragraph should show TWO different places in the story that the chosen theme is illustrated. **You must use at least two examples of textual evidence to support your answer.**
- 3rd paragraph is the conclusion that reemphasizes your theme choice and why it is important.

After typing, your work should be pasted onto the inside of your folded paper. Check the spelling, punctuation and grammar in your paragraphs. Your font should be size 10 or 12 point, Times New Roman. Prepare to turn this in during the first week of class.