

**BOOK REPORTS**  
MRS. JENKINS                      GRADES 4 & 5  
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. How many reports are due and when?

**Five all together, one every-other-month **September**, **November**, **January**, **March**, **May** due by the last school day of these months.**

2. Will late work be accepted?

Points will be deducted for late work. **Please make sure the book report book comes to school daily, silent reading time will be incorporated in our weekly schedule and a grade will be issued during this time. Nightly reading time** must be dedicated to reading for book reports. Bringing the book to school daily assures an easy 100% on “*Book Report Check*” days.

3. Must book reports be typed?

**No, reports can be typed or handwritten. If the reports are typed, please print them at home. If you need to use the school computers, please make arrangements at least four days before the report is due.**

4. What type of book should he/she read for book reports?

- Only non-fiction books for book reports
- The student picks a book
- The parent approves the book
- The teacher approves the book
- We are looking for a comfortable, but challenging reading level

5. Must my child read the entire book?

**Yes😊** He may read alone or with someone, but the whole book needs to be read. **Students change books, but let me know.**

6. How much help should I give my child with the book reports?

In order for your child to write a quality report and learn from this experience, **you must be involved in the book report process.** They need you to take them to the public library or bookstore. Make sure they read nightly. Ask questions about the reading and read with them or to them from time to time. They will need your help with grammar when writing the report. They need you to proof read and critique the report. *They do not need you to write or type the report for them.* **Parental involvement in reading makes readers!**



BOOK REPORT  
STUDENT NAME  
DATE

- 1) First PARAGRAPH- **introduces** the book:
  - underline or italicize the **title**
  - give the **publication date**
  - identify the **author** (background information, awards received)
  - what **kind of story** is it (adventure, fiction, non-fiction, biography ...)
  - **why** did you choose this book
  
- 2) Second PARAGRAPH- the **body**:
  - the **theme** (main idea or lesson of the story)
  - the **setting** (place, time period, and duration of the story)
  - the **plot** (in less than fifty words briefly tell what the story is about)
  
- 3) Third PARAGRAPH- about the **characters**:
  - identify the **protagonist** (the main character, usually a good person)
  - identify the **antagonist** (another main character, usually a trouble maker)
  - **briefly describe the characters'** appearances, traits, and actions
  - discuss the qualities and weaknesses of the characters
  - explain the character's growth or lesson learned
  
- 4) In the fourth PARAGRAPH- give your **opinion and conclusion**
  - tell if you liked the book, why or why not
  - how did the story **make you feel**
  - would you **recommend** the book, why or why not
  - would you read another book by the same author
  - would you read the series (if applicable)

