

# 5th Grade Summer Reading List

Incoming 5th graders are required to read two books during the summer & complete one assignment per book. During the first week of school, students should be prepared to complete a comprehension assessment for the required selections and participate in a class discussion. The writing assignment will be due on the first day of class. All assignments must be in complete sentences, typed and stapled together in one packet.

## Required Selection and First Assignment

1. What was the Boston Tea Party? By Katherine Krull

## Historical Book Report Assignment

For this assignment, you will need to read a non-fiction, historical book on a topic related to what you will be learning in class this upcoming school year.

**Part 1-** The Report- must be typed in **paragraph form** and include the following topics

**A. The Book-** provide the details about this book

- Title
- Author
- Publisher
- Copyright Date
- Type of Non-fiction: memoir, autobiography, biography etc...

**B. Summary:** Write 100- 150 word summary of this book

**C. Why This Book?** Explain what you already knew about this topic and what you hope to learn.

**D. Key Facts.** List 5 important facts you learned while reading this book. This can be in list format, but you should include an explanation of each points.

**E. Quotes:** List at least one quote from the book (include the page number) that you think are important or memorable and explain why each caught your attention.

**F. Significance:** What impact did this event have later on history? How did this event affect the American Revolution? If the book does not address this, how do you think this event would have lead to war?

**G. Next:** Based on reading this book, what do you think was not explained or what do you want to explore further? What questions did the book leave you with?

**H. Recommendation:** Would you recommend this book to others – explain why or why not. Is there any warning you would give readers (i.e., unpleasant pictures, biased against...)?

**Part 2 - Timeline.** Create a timeline of 5 events from the book. Please do this on a separate **SMALL** poster board. List important dates, illustrations, and people.

**Please Note: There are two parts to the first assignment:** The written report, and the small timeline

## **Choice Selections and Second Assignment**

### **Choose One:**

1. No Talking by Andrew Clements
2. Holes, Louis Sachar

## **Writing Assignment (for the choice selections)**

**Include the following information in a PARAGRAPH FORMAT. This should be about 1 1/2 to 2 pages in lengths.**

1. Title and Author
2. Genre of the book (Mystery, historical fiction, realistic fiction, fantasy, etc.)
3. How do you know that the book is in this genre?
4. Setting (Time and place)
5. Main Character (Describe the character, physical appearance, speech, anything special or unusual about the character etc.) Give examples from the book to support your description.
6. Problem in the Book
7. Solution in the Book
8. Did you like or dislike the book and why? Give examples from the book to support your answer. What are the parts you liked? What are the parts you did not like?