

Virginia Beach Friends School
Middle School Summer Reading
2023

Dear Students,

Happy Summer! Congratulations on a successful year. To keep everyone's reading skills sharp during the coming weeks, Friends Middle School students have been assigned summer reading. Reading activities are due by Tuesday, September 15th.

Please feel free to contact me, casey@vbfschool.org, if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

Casey Curtis , Humanities Teacher, Virginia Beach Friends School

Rising 5th and 6th Grade Students

Choose any fiction or nonfiction book, as long as it meets the following guidelines:

→Book should be at least 120 pages

→Book should be at a middle school reading level (or above)

→Book should be "new to you," not one you've read before

For the book, students should complete one activity from the

list below.

Activities:

- *Create a list of five questions to ask the main character in the book. Then, answer the questions as you think the main character would.*
- *Draw a portrait of one of the main characters. Use captions to explain why he/she looks and dresses like they do.*
- *Write a book review. Be sure to include the title, author, setting, plot and main characters in your review. Explain why you did or did not enjoy the book.*
- *Design a new cover for the book.*

Rising 7th and 8th Grade Students

Choose any fiction or nonfiction book, as long as it meets the following guidelines:

- Book should be at least 150 pages
- Book should be at a middle school reading level (or above)
- Book should be "new to you," not one you've read before

For the book, students should complete one activity from the list below.

Activities:

- *Create a list of eight questions to ask the main character in the book. Then, answer the questions as you think the main character would.*
- *Create a comic strip that explains the story in your own words. Make sure the comic strip includes the main character, the setting, the problem/conflict, and the solution.*
- *Create a playlist of 7-10 songs that you think best represent the book. Be sure to explain why you chose each song.*
- *Write a book review. Be sure to include the title, author, setting, plot, and main characters in your review. Explain why you did or did not enjoy the book.*