

Independent Reading Responsibilities

Each night, it is expected that you are reading independently for 30 minutes. This combined with time for reading in class allows for a minimum of 4 hours of reading per week. With this much reading, your goal should be to complete at least 4 books per marking period. While reading independently, you must complete each of the following assignments:

<p><i>Book Talks</i></p> <p><i>Formative Assessment</i></p>	<p><i>Share your favorite reads with our class through book talks!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Clearly introduce your book by giving the title, author and genre of the book.</i> ● <i>Describe the setting, characters, and plot of the book without giving too much away of the story. What is the main conflict? What themes are developed? What lessons do characters learn?</i> ● <i>Without giving away the ending, convince the class that you loved this book and that this is the book they want to read next. Make some predictions about what kind of student would enjoy this book.</i> ● <i>Finally, find a place within your book talk to seamlessly include a purposeful, short, snippet read aloud from the text so that the class can get a feel for the author’s style</i>
<p><i>Powerful Lines</i></p> <p><i>Formative Assessment</i></p>	<p><i>Decorate our classroom with “word swag”.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Choose wise words or another powerful line from your novel.</i> ● <i>Find a meaningful image or design to pair your line with. Use Canva or Google Slides to create photo sized “word swag”. Be sure to include a citation!</i> ● <i>Share and discuss this line in a conference with Mrs. VanA before adding it to our collection.</i>
<p><i>Readers of Markham Place</i></p> <p><i>Writing About Reading</i></p>	<p><i>Add a blog comment to our Readers of Markham Place page.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Create a 2 paragraph book review that describes the novel without giving away any key details or the ending. Include information about the characters, conflict, setting, and theme.</i> ● <i>Use at least 1 piece of evidence to support your review.</i> ● <i>Make a clear review that rates, recommends, and reacts to the novel.</i>
<p><i>Big Idea Books</i></p> <p><i>Writing About Reading</i></p>	<p><i>Publish an entry in our Big Idea Books!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Choose a big idea book from the 7th grade collection based on your novel’s theme.</i> ● <i>Create a 3 paragraph response using the B.H.H framework.</i> ● <i>Be sure to use text evidence to support each point you make. (2-5 pieces of evidence)</i>

***You may hand in these assignments intermittently, but all are due one week prior to the end of the marking period.*