

## **Welcome to Fifth Grade, Everyone!**

Hi, everyone! I hope you have a fun, yet relaxing summer. This packet includes the required work you need to do for the beginning of the next school year. In this packet, there are reading and writing exercises to complete. Please read and follow the given directions carefully, take your time, and bring it back on the first day of fifth grade.

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### **REQUIRED SUMMER LANGUAGE ARTS ASSIGNMENTS – 5th Grade**

You will be asked to read TWO chapter books this summer. One book MUST be fiction and the other book MUST be nonfiction. You may choose the books from the list given at the end of this packet. You may also choose a book from Mrs. Shrek's summer reading list.

Directions: After reading each book, fill in these graphic organizers and answer the following questions for both books. Please write in complete sentences and add as many details as you can. \*HINT: You may want to use sticky notes to mark important parts of the story as you are reading.

# Non-Fiction Book Report

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain what this information book is about.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**5** Interesting facts I learned from this book:

Remember to write facts in your own words!

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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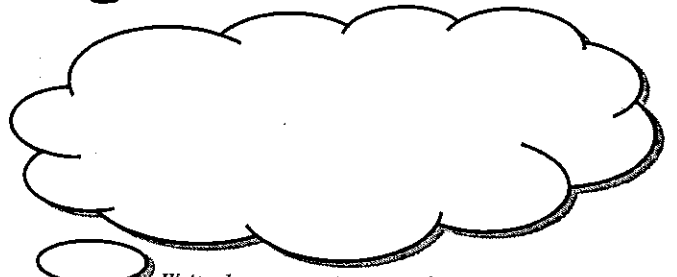
I rate this book:

# of pages in book \_\_\_\_\_

## Diagram

Choose an explanation from the text and illustrate using a diagram.  
Write a caption underneath.

## Opinion



Write down an opinion on the topic of this book.

By: .....

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# fiction story

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Author: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Characters: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Problem: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Solution: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Theme: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Summer Reading List for Incoming 5th Graders



Contemporary, Realistic, and Historical Fiction	
The Penderwicks	<i>Birdsall</i>
Superfudge	<i>Blume</i>
The Summer of Swans	<i>Byars</i>
Love That Dog	<i>Crech</i>
Bud, Not Buddy	<i>Curtis</i>
Because of Winn-Dixie	<i>DiCamillo</i>
Bandit's Moon	<i>Fleischman</i>
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	<i>Gantos</i>
Nory Ryan's Song	<i>Giff</i>
My One Hundred Adventures	<i>Horvath</i>
Hot Hand	<i>Lupica</i>
Yang the Eldest and His Odd Jobs	<i>Nanтока</i>
Saving Shiloh	<i>Naylor</i>
The Best School Year Ever	<i>Robinson</i>
The Year of Miss Agnes	<i>Hill</i>
Our Only May Amelia	<i>Holm</i>
Year of the Dog	<i>Lin</i>
Number the Stars	<i>Lowry</i>
Julia Gillian (and the Art of Knowing)	<i>McGhee</i>
Run Away Home	<i>McKissack</i>
Sarah Plain and Tall	<i>MacLachlan</i>
Seesaw Girl	<i>Park</i>
Dear America or Royal Diaries	<i>various authors</i>

**Featured Author: Andrew Clements**	
Frindle	The Report Card
The Laundry News	Jake Drake Series
The Janitor's Boy	No Talking
The School Story	Lunch Money
A Week in the Woods	Room One: A Mystery or Two
The Jacket	Lost and Found

Fantasy and Science Fiction	
Whales on Stilts	<i>Anderson</i>
Artemis Fowl	<i>Cofer</i>
The Boggart	<i>Cooper</i>
The Tale of Despereaux	<i>Dicamillo</i>
City of Ember	<i>DuPran</i>
Ella Enchanted	<i>Levine</i>
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	<i>Lewis</i>
I Was a Rat!	<i>Pullman</i>
The Lightning Thief	<i>Riordan</i>
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	<i>Rowling</i>
Summer Reading is Killing Me	<i>Sciaska</i>
Calling All Dragons: The Enchanted Forest...	<i>Wyde</i>
Wizard's Hall	<i>Yolen</i>

Biography	
Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man	<i>Adler</i>
Through My Eyes (Ruby Bridges)	<i>Bridges</i>
I'm Still Scared: A 26 Fairmont Avenue Book	<i>dePaola</i>
Always Inventing (Alexander G. Bell)	<i>Matthews</i>
They Called Her Molly Pitcher	<i>Rockwell</i>
The Remarkable Benjamin Franklin	<i>Harness</i>
John Muir: America's First Environmentalist	<i>Lasby</i>
Marvelous Mathie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor	<i>McCully</i>
Make Your Mark, Franklin Roosevelt	<i>St. George</i>
John Smith Escapes Again	<i>Schanzer</i>
Anne Frank	<i>Poole</i>
A Woman for President: The Story of Victoria Woodhull	<i>Krull</i>

Adventure and Mystery	
The Scer of Shadows	<i>Avi</i>
The Mummy, the Will, and the Crypt	<i>Bellairs</i>
Tarot Says Beware: A Herculeah Jones Mystery	<i>Byars</i>
Stone Fox	<i>Gardner</i>
My Side of the Mountain	<i>George</i>
Mickey and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure	<i>Gutman</i>
Flush	<i>Hjassan</i>
Down the Yukon	<i>Hobbs</i>
Bunnica: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery	<i>Howe</i>
Hatchet	<i>Paulsen</i>
A Series of Unfortunate Events	<i>Snicket</i>
Sammy Keyes Series	<i>TanDraanen</i>

Nonfiction Information	
Ballpark: The Story of America's Baseball Fields	<i>Curlee</i>
Liberty	<i>Curlee</i>
Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World	<i>Harkoff</i>
My Senator and Me	<i>Kennedy</i>
Outside and Inside Mummies	<i>Markle</i>
Slippery, Slimy Baby Frogs	<i>Markle</i>
Now & Ben: the Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin	<i>Barretta</i>
Big Alaska: Journey Across America's Most Amazing State	<i>Miller</i>
Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs!	<i>Kudlinski</i>
Spiders	<i>Simon</i>
Horses	<i>Simon</i>
The Journey of the One and Only Declaration of Independence	<i>St. George</i>
How Sweet It Is (and Was): The History of Candy	<i>Swain</i>
Math-terpieces	<i>Tang</i>
A Drop of Water	<i>Wick</i>

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Choose a book or author that is just right for you!