

Grade Required Reading for Language Arts

Grade 7: “Brown Bag Presentation” Choose one book from the list below to read. Do not choose a book which you have read before. After completing it, prepare a presentation of the story to share with the class. Fill a brown paper grocery bag with various items that depict the setting, main characters, and important events in the story. Display both the title and author of the book on the bag, then decorate it. You will give a presentation to the class explaining how each item from the bag pertains to the story.

Grade 8: “Multiple Scene Sketch and Essay” Choose one book from the list below to read. Do not choose a book which you have read before. After completing it, prepare a presentation of the story to share with the class. On a full size piece of poster board, illustrate four important scenes from the book. Be sure to include the title and author on the front of the poster. In your paper, explain the significance of the four scenes illustrated and discuss one theme that the book communicates. Your presentation to the class should reflect your essay, but you may not read word for word. Use transition words and event sequences to link paragraphs about the four scenes. Use the final paragraph to summarize your paper, as well as discuss the theme. Point out how this theme relates to your life.

Suggested Book List

(With the approval of your teacher, you may choose another appropriate title)

Alexander, Lloyd	High King	Rinaldi, Ann	(Any Book)
Alcott, Louisa M.	Little Women	Rostkowski, Margaret	After the Dancing Days
	Little Men	Schaefer, J.	Shane
Avi	Blue Heron	Taylor, Mildred	Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry
	Escape from Home	Voight, Cynthia	Homecoming
	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle		Dacey's Song
Barron, T.A.	The Lost Years of Merlin	Well, H.G.	War of the Worlds
Brooks, Bruce	The Moves Make the Man		The Time Machine
Chute, M.	Stories from Shakespeare	Yep, Lawrence	Dragonwings
Cooper, Susan	The York Trilogy	Zindel, Paul	The Pigman
Creech, Sharon	Walk Two Moons	Challenging	
Curie, E.	Madame Curie	Adams, R.	Watership Down
Doyle, A.C.	Hounds of Baskerville	Austin, Jane	Pride and Prejudice
Farmer, Nancy	A Girl Named Destiny	Bronte, Charlotte	Jane Eyre
Forbes, Esther	Johnny Truman	Buck, Pearl	The Good Earth
George, Jean Craighead	My Side of the Mountain	Carrol, Lewis	Alice's Adventure in Wonderland
Griffin, J.H.	Black Like Me	Cardon, R.	Silent Spring
Gunther, J.	Death Be Not Proud	Crane, Stephen	The Red Badge of Courage
Hamilton, Virginia	M.C. Higgins The Great	Defoe, Daniel	Robinson Crusoe
Hobbs, Will	Far North	Dickens, Charles	David Copperfield
Keyes, D.	Flowers for Algernon		Great Expectations
Kinsella, W.P.	Shoeless Joe		Oliver Twist
Lasky, Kathryn	True North	Dumas, Alexandre	The Man in the Iron Mask
LeGuin, Ursula	The Earthsea Cycle	Elliot, George	Silas Marner
L'Engle Madeleine	A Wrinkle In Time	Gaines, E.	The Autobiography of Jane Pittman
	A Swiftly Tilting Planet	Harper, Lee	To Kill a Mockingbird
Lewis, C.S.	Chronicles of Narnia	Henry, James	Portrait of a Lady
London, Jack	The Call of the Wild	Hunt, Irene	Across Five Aprils
McCaffrey, A.	Dragon Song	Keith, Harold	Rifles for Watie
Montgomery, L.M.	Anne of Green Gables	Kipling, Rudyard	Kim
Naylor, Phyllis R.	The York Trilogy	Potok, Chaim	The Chosen
O'Dell, Scott	Sarah Bishop	Shelley, Mary	Frankenstein
	Island of the Blue Dolphins	Steinbeck, John	The Grapes of Wrath
Patterson, Katherine	Jacob I Have Loved Thee	Stevenson, Robert L.	Kidnapped
Paulson, Gary	Crayons, The Nightjohn		Treasure Island
	The Rifle, The River	Tolkein, J.R.	The Hobbit
Peck, Richard	A Long Way From Chicago		The Lord of the Rings
	A Year Down Yonder	Twain, Mark	Tom Sawyer
Pierce, Tamara	A Circle of Magic	Verne, Jules	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Raskin, Ellen	Westing Game		