



Summer Reading Challenge for Rising 6th-12th graders

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Horry County Schools value our students and want them to be the best they can be. Research shows if students do not read over the course of the summer, they could experience a decrease in their reading achievement. In order to avoid this, we highly encourage our students to read for pleasure during the summer. Because our district also supports student choice, students can decide what they want to read over the summer, with their parents' approval.

The HCS Summer Reading Assignment for grades 6-12 is an optional reading opportunity for students to read over the course of the summer, complete an activity about the reading, and receive **1 bonus point added to the first quarter grade** in the 2022-23 school year. The student may read 2 books (fiction or nonfiction) OR 20 informational text articles of his/her choice but must complete the reading activity in the *2022 MS ELA Summer Reading Challenge Google Classroom* or *2022 HS ELA Summer Reading Challenge Google Classroom* by Friday, July 29, 2022. If you have any questions, contact your child's current English Language Arts teacher or your child's school. Copying or sharing student work will not be accepted and will cause forfeiture of the bonus point as well as any other incentives.

Timeline:

May 31 - June 3, 2022	Teachers send home summer reading information for parents and students to review via Google Classroom, Social Media, and/or Parent Link.
June 6, 2022	Students and parents virtually confirm they have received and understand the information.
July 29, 2022	Students in grades six through twelve who read their two novel choices and complete their Choice Board option (based on their 20 articles) or a combination of the two will receive one bonus point added to their first nine weeks' grade for the 2022-23 school year. A list of participating students will be shared with schools.

Directions for joining the 2022 MS ELA Summer Reading Challenge Google Classroom are below:

- Go to classroom.google.com
- Click on the + sign and select Join Class
- Enter the middle school Class Code: **sennq5n**
- Read the directions for posting assignments

Directions for joining the 2022 HS ELA Summer Reading Challenge Google Classroom are below:

- Go to classroom.google.com
- Click on the + sign and select Join Class
- Enter the high school Class Code: **xuj73cc**
- Read the directions for posting assignments

Note: If a student does not have access to technology over the summer, they may complete five of the Choice Board options on page 2 of this document. The options will be due to the student's English teacher on Friday, August 19, 2022.

Student's name _____

ELA Summer Reading Challenge Choice Board No Tech Options

Directions: Complete **five** Choice Board options about what you read this summer to **earn 1 bonus point** on your first quarter grade in the fall. You may choose one of your non-fiction articles OR the fiction book you read to complete your option.

<p>Respond to one of the following prompts: "What motivates the main character?" or "If your character were to be given an award, what award would it be and why?"</p>	<p>Write a friendly letter to one of your favorite characters (from your book or article) sharing why you admire that character. OR Write a letter to the editor of the publication of one of the articles you read explaining what you liked and/or disliked about the article.</p>	<p>Create a list of 10 interview questions to ask the author or a character in your book or article.</p>
<p>Respond to the following prompt: How would your book be different if it were told from the point of view of another character? OR How would the article you read be different if it were written by someone else?</p>	<p>Write a diary entry from the point of view of one of the novel's main characters that they would have written before, during, or after the book's events. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary.</p>	<p>Choose an article and record the headline, writer, and source information. Choose sentences or phrases that you find intriguing and combine key words chosen to create a poem (12-line minimum) relating to the article.</p>
<p>Respond to the following prompt: Describe a suspenseful moment in the story. How did the author build the suspense?</p>	<p>Write a one-paragraph summary of your novel or article. Add an image of the book cover or an image from the article.</p>	<p>Invent a new character for your novel. Describe the character's looks, thoughts, actions, feelings, and any other important qualities or traits.</p>
<p>Respond to the following prompt: Would you be friends with the main character in the book you are reading? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Create a comic strip retelling the story or article in your own words. Be sure to include all of the important characters, exciting events, conflicts, and resolution.</p>	<p>Design a book cover for a recent television show, movie, or newscast you have seen. Your cover must include the title, author, illustration, and captivating quotes and reviews about the show.</p>