

Summer Assignments Cluster II Language Arts 2014

Grade 4 (2014–2015 School Year)

Part 1: Choose **at least one** of the following books to read over the summer:

- The Secret School by Avi
- From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg
- One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams–Garcia

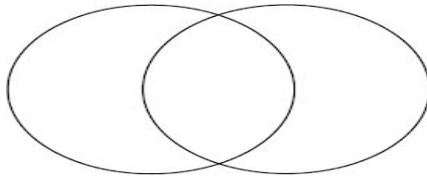
Part 2: Write a Poem (Based on Part 1)

- Shrink–Lit– Transform your book into a poem which honors your book and author. Make it colorful! (At least 15 lines). Don't forget to include the plot and other important parts of the story. Poems can rhyme or not, and try to include some figurative language (similes, metaphors, etc.) The poem can be rhyming or free verse.

Part 3: Writing an Expository

- Write a 4–6 paragraph essay comparing and contrasting story elements of two characters, conflicts, or two topics, people, or ideas from your text. You may use a Venn diagram to brainstorm your ideas.

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Grade 5 (2014–2015 School Year)

Part 1: Choose **at least one** of the following books to read over the summer:

- A Thunderous Whisper by Christina Diaz–Gonzalez
- Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
- The Good Dog by Avi

Part 2: A New Final Chapter (Based on Part 1's Book)

- Change the end of your book by writing a new final chapter. Be sure to resolve the conflict or problem in a new or unexpected way. Make a cover or binding for the new chapter. Add an illustration of the final scene. Be prepared to summarize what you have read before sharing your new final chapter.

Part 3: Writing a Memoir (Real Events that happened to you)

- At least three times a week, write a journal entry (two or three sentences) about what happened that day, what activities you were involved in and how you felt about those things you did. Use a composition notebook to record your entries.

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- Type a final copy of your journal entries to include dates and times you documented the entry. Be prepared to share with your peers as well as turn in the typed copy for a grade.

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Social Studies

Ancient Egypt will be our first unit of study in Social Studies next year. To add to your background knowledge, please select one of the following topics to research. You will need to provide 1-2 pages about your selected topic. You will use your research to complete a project during the first month of school, so be sure to choose the one that interests you the most.

IV. The Great Sphinx of Giza - What is it? What is it made of? Who built it? What does it represent?

V. Egyptian Jewelry - Who wore it? What happened to it when the owner died? What was it made of? What were some common animals that were represented on jewelry?

VI. The Great Pyramid - Where is it? What is it made of? What was it used for? What items have been discovered inside? How was it built? When was it built?

The questions above are only meant to be a starting point for your research. Learn as much as you can about your topic. Be prepared to turn in your research paper the first week of school.

Have fun!!