

Book Marks The Spot

5th
Grade



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Navigate This Workbook

I have a book to read.

I don't have a book to read.

USE THE WRITING WORKSHEETS

As you get to know the characters in your book, try your hand at writing about how they would act outside of events in the book, how the story would go if a different narrator told it, or how the story world compares to the real world.

Use the reading log to keep track of how many pages you read each week.

USE THE DECISION CHARTS

Use the decision charts to give you ideas to pick out a book to read. It's a good place to start whether you read a little or a lot. Each chart begins with a school subject. Which subject areas do you like most? Start there.

I picked a book (or two)!

More ideas, please!

At the end of this workbook check out a list of books we recommend.

I need even more ideas!

POLL FRIENDS & FAMILY

What are people you know reading right now?
What are their favorite books?

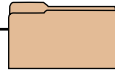
WHAT DOES THE BOX OFFICE SAY?

Discover what movies are based on books. Maybe the book is better!

LOOK TO THE STARS

Is there a photographer, artist, comedian or singer whose work that you love? There is a good chance that they wrote a book, or, there are books about the kind of interesting work they do.

Fact File



Fill in the following information about your chosen book.

Title: _____

Author: _____

Number of Pages: _____

Genre: _____

Main Characters: _____

Plot: _____



Language Arts

What do you like about it?

I really like working with words.

I don't like reading as much as I like writing.

I love books.

Be honest: are you the best speller in class?

Yes

No

Do you write for fun?

No

Yes

But you're good with essays and reports?

Yes

No

NONFICTION

You're level-headed and wise, and your friends probably come to you for advice. Try a biography of an unsung hero in history.

REALISTIC FICTION

You're clearly a pro -- try a book that will challenge your idea of "YA" fiction.

NEW RELEASES

You don't need our help. Pick up the newest novel and get going!



Math and Science

What do you like about it?

I like the order,
the process.

There's so much
out there to
explore!

I can make
things explode.

You're talking
mostly about
math, right?

Yes

No

Classics
Try a classic novel
to get started.

Mystery

Crack the case,
step by step.

**Science Fiction/
Fantasy**

Indulge your inner
(and outer!) geek.

Do your friends
think you're weird
for liking science?

Kinda.

No, they're
just like me.

Drama

Look for something
with a spooky theme,
like vampires or
ghosts. Maybe your
friends will come
around.

Comedy

Make light of the
situation.

Um, have you ever
made anything
explode?

Yes

No

Did you get
in trouble?

Yes

No

Mystery

You're clearly
a criminal
mastermind!



Extracurricular/Elective

What do you like about it?

I have a specific interest.

It's not "real" school.

What kind of extracurricular/
elective?

How do you feel about "real"
school?

Team sport

A school
subject I
like a lot.

Artsy stuff
(band,
drama,
ceramics,
etc.).

It's fine,
but I like
elective
better.

It's fine,
but I like
choosing
my classes.

NONFICTION

Get a little closer to
your fave subject with
a biography or history
related to it.

BOR-ing!

ALTERNA-BOOKS

We suggest a
choose-your-own-
adventure format.

DRAMA

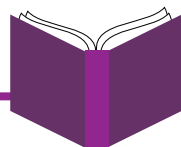
The thrill of victory!
The agony of defeat!
It's all there in drama.

CLASSICS

Lots of art stems
from classic works
of literature.

FANTASY/ADVENTURE

Perhaps you'd prefer a
little heart-pounding
action with your
summer reading!



Casting Call!



Pretend you're making a movie or play of the book and you need to cast actors for it. What should the actors look like? What kind of personalities will they need to portray? Write character descriptions and cast famous actors on the lines below.

Main Character: _____

Description: _____

Actor: _____

Main Character: _____

Description: _____

Actor: _____

Supporting Character: _____

Description: _____

Actor: _____

Supporting Character: _____

Description: _____

Actor: _____

Script



Using the character descriptions you just wrote, turn a chapter of your book into a script.

Main Character 1: _____

Main Character 2: _____

Supporting Character: _____

Main Character 1: _____

Main Character 2: _____

Supporting Character: _____

Main Character 1: _____



Fan Fiction



Fan fiction is fiction written by fans like you! It takes characters from a book or series and puts them in new stories created by fans. Have an idea for an alternate ending to your book? Think you know what happens to the characters after the book ends? Write your own fan fiction on the lines below!



Fiction to Fact



Read a newspaper, watch a TV news program, or listen to a radio news broadcast. Select a current event that relates to the events in your book. How are the events the same? How are they different? Write a paragraph comparing the two.

Poster



Create a poster for the movie or play version of your book. Don't forget to include a *tagline*, the text at the bottom of the poster that makes people want to go see the show!

Book Character Quiz



Turn regular reading comprehension on its head with this writing activity -- a book character quiz!

What You Need:

- Fiction novel previously read and enjoyed
- Paper, pen, pencil
- Character Traits chart

What You Do:

1. Pick a fictional book you like that has at least three distinct main characters.
2. Fill out a Character Traits chart like the one on the next page for three main characters from your book.
3. After you've filled out the chart, work on a "Which Character Do You Resemble?" quiz. Write a multiple-choice question that quizzes someone about their personality based on one item from the chart. For example, for this chart, a question could be:

When you get on a stage, you tend to:

- a. shine like a star and talk freely.
- b. shy away from the spotlight.
- c. sing a song.

If you were to give this question to a friend, you would know that a friend answering "a" resembles the character Peeta.

4. Repeat step #3 to write more quiz questions. Make sure to write a variety of questions so that a quiz-taker could get answers resembling each one of the three characters.
5. After you're done writing questions, write the scoring system. This will tell the player what an answer means for each question.
6. Give the quiz to friends to find out which book character they most resemble!



Book Character Quiz



<p><i>Traits:</i></p>	<p><i>Character's name:</i> <u>Katniss Everdeen</u></p>	<p><i>Character's name:</i> <u>Peeta Mellark</u></p>	<p><i>Character's name:</i> <u>Haymitch Abernathy</u></p>
<p><i>Things Character Says:</i></p>	<p>"I volunteer!" Kind people have a way of working their way inside me and rooting there.</p>	<p>"She has no idea. The effect she can have." "Remember, we're madly in love, so it's all right to kiss me anytime you feel like it."</p>	<p>"Did I actually get a pair of fighters this year?" "sweetheart"</p>
<p><i>Things Character Does:</i></p>	<p>Hunts illegally. Volunteers for her sister. Takes care of her family. Gets shy, uncomfortable or uncooperative in public spotlight.</p>	<p>Protects Katniss, to make sure she gets out of the Games alive. Charms the Capitol people/public.</p>	<p>Drinks a lot. Acts like he doesn't care. Coaches Peeta & Katniss. Helps Katniss with sponsorships during the Games.</p>
<p><i>Things Character Thinks:</i></p>	<p>Of how she'll kill tributes to win the Games. Thinks of Prim a lot. Tries to avoid thinking of Gale, and Peeta.</p>	<p>Katniss cares about him, too. How to preserve himself against what the Capitol wants them to be.</p>	<p>Strategy. What to say, how to be, advice for the arena. He's always thinking ahead for the tributes.</p>
<p><i>Things Character Wears:</i></p>	<p>Fire dress. Normally she wears a simple shirt and pants and boots.</p>	<p>His clothing is only really mentioned around the Games. He wears a fire outfit too. At one point, a tuxedo.</p>	<p>Not sure actually, this is never really described, except as vomit when he gets sick on himself.</p>
<p><i>Other General Character Traits:</i></p>	<p>Short sighted thinking, sometimes disconnected. Good with a bow. Tough. But also sensitive, defensive.</p>	<p>He's smart and generally kind. He's a baker and froster. He's strong. Has a sense of humor.</p>	<p>He won a Hunger Games before. Has had to mentor all Dist. 12 tributes by himself ever since.</p>



Book Character Quiz



<i>Traits:</i>	<i>Character's name:</i> _____	<i>Character's name:</i> _____	<i>Character's name:</i> _____
<i>Things Character Says:</i>			
<i>Things Character Does:</i>			
<i>Things Character Thinks:</i>			
<i>Things Character Wears:</i>			
<i>Other General Character Traits:</i>			



The Main Event!



Write a one-sentence summary of each of the most important events in the book. Then, draw a picture of the event in the box below your summary.

Event #1:

Event #2:


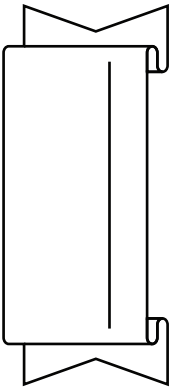
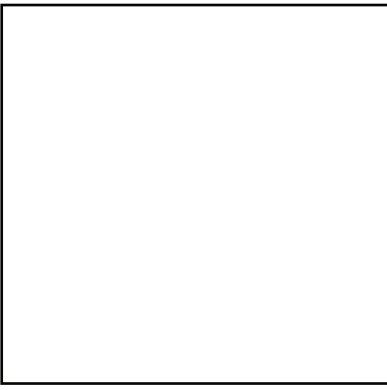
Event #3:

Event #4:

Travel Brochure



Create a travel brochure for the setting of your book! If the action takes place in multiple locations, use the main location for your travel brochure. Fill in the lines below with a description of the place. What's unique about it? What is it about the place that makes it worth visiting? Draw pictures of the location in the boxes.

	<p>Sights to See:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>Things to Do:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Travel to:</p> 	 <p>How to Get There:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Slam Book



Have you ever made a **slam book**? It can be a great way for friends to get to know each other...or it can lead to major hurt feelings! Here's how it works: A name is written at the top of the page of a notebook. The book is passed around to friends or schoolmates, who each write a word or phrase about the person named. It's usually *anonymous*, which means nobody signs their name to what they write.

What would happen if the characters in your book made a slam book? Would they be fair to one another? Would they write kind things or mean things? Choose two characters from your book. If you're reading a biography or a history, choose two of the historical figures you've read about. Write their names at the tops of the notebook pages below. Then, write about each character from the point of view of the other.

Name: _____	Name: _____

Reading Log



Keep track of your reading progress using the grid below. Each week, fill in the number of pages you read.

Week 1	Number of pages read: _____
Week 2	Number of pages read: _____
Week 3	Number of pages read: _____
Week 4	Number of pages read: _____
Week 5	Number of pages read: _____
Week 6	Number of pages read: _____
Week 7	Number of pages read: _____
Week 8	Number of pages read: _____

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ALTERNA-BOOKS: *Not your average novel!*

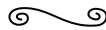
Gifts From The Gods by Lise Lunge-Larsen

Best Shorts: Favorite Short Stories for Sharing by Avi

Adventures of Beanboy by Lisa Harkrader

Looking For Me by Betsy R. Rosenthal

Mal and Chad by Stephen McCranie



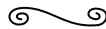
CLASSICS: *Not old, just vintage.*

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Graeme

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

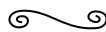


COMEDY: *Laugh your ISBN off!*

Holes by Louis Sachar

The Fizzle Whiz Kid by Maiya Williams

The Templeton Twins Have an Idea: Book One by Ellis Weiner

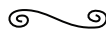


DRAMA: *Grab the tissues.*

Is It Night or Day by Fern Schumer Chapman

A Drowned Maiden's Hair by Laura Amy Schlitz

King Matt the First by Janusz Korczak



FANTASY AND ADVENTURE: *And away we go!*

The Black Book of Secrets by F.E. Higgins

The Silver Bowl by Diane Stanley

The Cabinet of Wonders by Marie Rutkoski

Castle of Shadows by Ellen Renner

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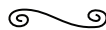
MYSTERY: *Elementary, my dear Watson.*

39 Clues: The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan

The Secret of Zoom by Lynne Jonell

Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce

The Name of This Book is Secret by Pseudonymous Bosch



NONFICTION: *Stranger than fiction.*

Seymour Simon's Extreme Earth Records by Seymour Simon

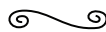
The Worst Case Scenario Ultimate Adventure: Everest by David

Borgenicht and Bill Doyle

Kaffir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth's Coming of Age in Apartheid

South Africa by Mark Mathabane

Genius: Great Inventors and Their Creations by Jack Challoner



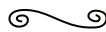
REALISTIC & HISTORICAL FICTION: *Get real.*

The Berlin Boxing Club by Robert Sharenow

Mamba Point by Kurtis Scaletta

Dogtag Summer by Elizabeth Partridge

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli



SCIENCE FICTION: *Take me to your leader.*

Raiders' Ransom by Emily Diamand

The Blackhope Enigma by Teresa Flavin

Fever Crumb by Philip Reeve

The Quartet Series by Lois Lowry





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