

Book Report Guide

A Short Overview

Book reports are due at the end of the 1st, 2nd, and maybe 3rd qtr. You may choose your own book, however, you must choose from either the Junior High section in the W.C.C.S. library or from the following website: www.arbookfind.com.

If you are in doubt about whether or not a book is approved you should ask me **before** doing the report. Here are two situations that come up often. In one instance, you might have seen a movie about a book you've read, and you might ask yourself whether you can do a report on that particular book. The answer to that question is simple: **Don't do a report about a movie book.** In another instance, you might have chosen a very long book that you know you can't possibly read in less than the given time. In this case, I would pick another book. The smart thing to do is to choose books that you know you can get through in four weeks. That way, you'll have about three to four weeks to think about and write the book report. In the end, you'll have read a lot of good books!

Books are filled with messages, or themes, about life. If you learn to enjoy books, you'll think about them and learn a lot about how the characters in books handle challenges and conflicts.

Books must be grade level and appropriate. In order to ensure all this will happen, every book for the book reports must be found through accelerated reader. If you follow the following instructions you will be fine.

Website: www.arbookfind.com

1) Click on the *advanced search* tab

2) Click the drop down box called *interest level* and click on Middle Grades (MG 4-8) and click on the *go* button

3) On the left hand side in the blue color column, you will notice a list of books by grade level. Select the one titled: *7.0 – 7.9 (5950)*

4) A list will come up with 2438 pages to go through. You can also do a search by topic. Make sure the book has a Book Level of 7.0-7.9

ALL BOOKS WILL NEED TO BE APPROVED BY TEACHER AND NO TWO SAME BOOKS WILL BE ALLOWED.

SUGGESTION: Pick out books early, get them approved by Mr. Ries and you can see if they are available for purchase at Barnes and Noble during our school fundraiser on October 14th.