

Reading Ladder

Step 1:

Organize the titles of the books you've read this semester from least challenging to most challenging, and write them down in list form. **Include the title, author, and number of pages.** When considering your rankings, think about things such as vocabulary/language, number of characters/settings/plot lines, sentence structure, themes, unfamiliar settings & ideas, interest level, and length of book.

Step 2:

Calculate your overall semester reading rate. Add up the total pages of each of your books and divide by 18 (number of weeks) to get your final weekly reading rate.

EX: 1909 total pages read / 18 weeks = average of 106.05 pages per week

Step 3:

In a well organized paragraph or two (5-7 sentences), **reflect on your reading rate.** Is it higher or lower than what you expected? Discuss if you are challenging yourself to read more and increase your stamina in order to prepare yourself for high school, or are your current reading habits not making a significant difference in your reading ability and stamina. Do you see improvements? What are you proud of? What might you need to work on?

EX: My reading this quarter has been... I am proud of... I think I need to work on...
I was surprised that... I hope to... I am finding it challenging to...

Step 4:

Write a review for each book you've read this semester (in order) along with the rationale (reason) you have for ranking it "easier" or "harder" on your list (max 10 books). Your paragraph review should be a minimum 5-7 sentences, and should include both a brief summary as well as the ranking rationale. Again, when writing your response, consider vocabulary/language, number of characters/settings/plot lines, sentence structure, themes, unfamiliar settings & ideas, interest level, and length of book.

Step 5:

Set goals for Summer and next school year. Set 5 goals. These should be specific: I will read 5 books by September. I will read at least one nonfiction book. I will read one Jane Austen novel. I will develop an at-home reading habit.

____/20 List of Book Titles, Authors, # of pages

____/50 Book Reviews/Rationale

____/10 Overall Semester Reading Rate

____/10 Five Goals Paragraph

____/10 1-2 Paragraph Reflection