

SAINT PAUL MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS

Read. Reflect. Return Ready.

Dear Families,

All middle school students are required to select **two** grade and age-appropriate books of their choice to read over the summer, and complete a book review for each. Book Reviews will be turned in the first week of school.

The goal is to encourage independent reading, critical thinking, and a love of literature. Students should choose a book they have not previously read in class to ensure a fresh, engaging experience and to promote new literary exploration.

For ideas and inspiration, visit the Cranston Public Library's Summer Reading Guide.

<https://www.cranstonlibrary.org/booklists/>

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Gruebel

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How to Write a Book Review

Purpose: to persuade your classmates to read a piece of literature.

Your book review should be at least 2 paragraphs in length

Cover Page: Create a **cover** for your book review by drawing a picture and including the title.

Paragraph 1:

- **Write an attention grabbing opening.** (Pick one of the two ways)
 1. Start with a question:
Example: Do you like reading books with many twists and turns?
 2. Start with a fact about the main character or plot.
Example: Mary Lennox is unhappy about having to leave India and travel all the way to the UK to live with family members she has never met.
- Include the **title** and **author**
- Mention the **main characters, setting, and main conflict.**
- Briefly describe parts of the **plot**, including some of the rising action and climax. (at least 2 sentences).
- **NEVER tell the ending**, but you may mention the lesson the characters learned.

Paragraph 2:

- State your **opinion**.
I enjoyed this book because....
I did not like this book because.....

(You cannot say it was interesting or boring. You need to say why or what made it this way.)

- Who would you recommend this book to?
I think people who enjoy _____ would like this book because.....
Children and adults of all ages would enjoy _____ because
- End with a **closing statement**.
So if you are looking for a great book to read, pick up the _____ and start reading today.

All book reviews should be handwritten, NOT TYPED.

All book reviews will be screened for the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).
Any book reviews found to be using AI will not be accepted.