Summer Reading 2023: Choose Your Book, Read Your Book, Choose Your Activity!

Summer reading is designed to challenge students to become life-long readers and learners by exploring personal connections to various texts that promote intellectual growth, social awareness, and independent thinking. Summer reading helps students open their eyes to the larger world and promotes a love for the written word, in all its varied forms.

How to Participate:

- Choose at least one book from the summer reading book choices list on this sheet.
- Choose at least one of the activities on the choice board activities on the back of this sheet.
- Complete activities by October 6 and turn in to your English teacher at CCFAS. See FAQs on the back.

Summer Reading Book Choices (Books chosen from the Blacked-Eyed Award list 2023)

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<td>Blackout - Dhonielle Clayton: The glowing warmth and electricity of Black teens in love.</td>
<td>White Smoke - Tiffany Jackson: A novel about a teenage girl, Marigold, running away from the ghosts of her old life and those in the haunted house to which she has just moved.</td>
<td>Raybearer - Jordan Ifueko: A West-African inspired fantasy story of loyalty, fate, and the lengths we're willing to go for the ones we love.</td>
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<td>The Girls I've Been - Tess Sharp: A twisty YA page-turner about the daughter of a con artist who is taken hostage in a bank heist.</td>
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**All books can be accessed at public, school, or college libraries, as well as purchased online or at local bookstores.**
**What’s Next?**

**Summer Reading Choice Board Activities**

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<th>Create an Alternative Ending</th>
<th>Make a Poem /Song/ Rap</th>
<th>Write a Journal Entry</th>
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<td>Select another title for the book and rewrite the ending! Write at least one page.</td>
<td>Share your thoughts or timeline of the story in a free verse poem of at least 15 lines or a poem, song or rap of about 2 seven line verses.</td>
<td>Share your thoughts on the story through a journal entry! Write about your favorite character, your favorite part of the story, and more. Write at least one page.</td>
<td>Write a letter to the author telling the author what you enjoyed about the story or what you learned from it. Write at least 2 paragraphs in a letter format.</td>
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<th>Your Choice</th>
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<td>Share what you loved about your book through another way of your own choosing! Be creative.( Ex. a comic strip; a movie poster)</td>
<td>Write a letter explaining a character’s problem and then offer that character your advice on how to solve his/her problem. Write at least 2 paragraphs in a letter format.</td>
<td>Make a book trailer or jacket to advertise your book so that others will want to read it, too!</td>
<td>Create a one page visual representation of key scenes in your story. Be sure to include colors.</td>
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**FAQs**

**Will this help or hurt my first quarter grade?** It will help to boost your grade for the first quarter. If you choose not to participate, you will not have this grade as an extra credit grade.

**Can I read more than one book?** Yes.

**Can I choose to complete more than one activity for the same book?** Yes.  **Can I complete the same activity for two different books?** Yes.

**Do I have to type my report that requires writing?** No, but you will get bonus points if you do.

**Do I have to print my report?** No, it can be saved electronically.