

Middle School Reading Projects

6th Grade Summer Reading Project → “Wonder” by R. J. Palacio

Book Bags

Each student will begin the project by getting a plain gift bag or paper brown grocery bag.

They will then illustrate one side of the bag with a scene from the book.

The other side of the bag must contain a summary of the book similar to what you would see on the inside of a book jacket.

Inside the bag, students should place five items that represent something that happens in the book.

Each item should include one paragraph on a sheet of paper that explains the object’s meaning or role in the story.

Visit the following site for examples:

<http://teachersareterrific.com/2013/02/book-in-bag-project-great-alternative.html>

7th Grade Summer Reading Project → “A Wrinkle in Time”-Madeleine L’Engle

Matchbook Chapter Summaries

Each student will need on file folder. You will need white construction paper that is cut into 3.5 by 6 in. pieces.

After reading each chapter, each student will get a piece of matchbook paper. Fold the bottom tab up a ½ inch. Then fold down the top to the crease of the tab.

On the outside decorate the paper with scenes from the book. On the inside, write a summary of the chapter within the book. Lastly, you will glue the matchbooks into the folder where they fit well. Store the matchbooks in a Ziploc until you are ready to glue.

Finish the project by decorating the front with an illustration from the book.

For more information on the project and for examples visit:

<https://teacherthrive.com/2015/04/matchbook-chapter-summaries-for-novel.html>

8th Grade Summer Reading Project → “The Wednesday Wars”- Gary D. Schmidt

One Pager

Students will need a white piece of copy paper and colored pencils for this project.

The one page must include the following:

-Two quotes with explanations as to why the wording is important within the text

-a paragraph on a theme you noticed with the story

-a paragraph describing a symbol in the book and its larger meaning

After finishing the written work, illustrate the setting or a scene from the novel throughout the rest of the page. For an example visit: <https://www.thedaringenglishteacher.com/2018/05/assigning-one-pager-as-culminating.html>