

Ms. Weiss's Summer Reading Assignment:

- Choose a book of at least 150 pages and read it. Use a reading log.
 - Write a book report using the appropriate format below (fiction or nonfiction). Book reports should be typed, double-spaced, in MLA format.
 - Your book report, with the reading log stapled to it, is due the first day of school.
 - This document will be on my web page: <https://www.stocktonusd.net/Weber>
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Book Report Format for **Fiction**

1. **Introductory Paragraph – 5 sentences minimum**

- o Begin with a sentence that includes the book title (italicize titles) and the author's name.
- o Include the AR book level and points value. (Look up books at www.arbookfind.com)
- o State the reason(s) you decided to read this book. Typical reasons might be: you like the author; you like this type of book (mystery, western, adventure or romance, etc.); someone recommended the book to you; you liked the cover. These reasons do not have to be complicated. Most people choose the books they read because they like the author or somebody recommended it to them. If you chose the book because you like the author, then state why you like that author.

2. **Main Character(s) Paragraph – 8 sentences minimum**

- o In at least eight sentences, write about the main character(s). Include their names, personality descriptions, and explanations of why they are important in the story.
- o What did the main characters do and say? How did they behave?
- o Did you like the main character(s)? Explain why.

3. **Other Characters Paragraph – 5 sentences minimum**

- o You should write at least one sentence for each of the minor characters in the book.
- o State the name of each character, and the key role that each one plays in the book.
- o Most books have a few prominent characters besides the main character, so simply listing each one and stating their role in the book will give you a good sized paragraph.

4. **Plot Summary Paragraph – 8-10 sentences minimum**

- o State the genre of book (mystery, romance, adventure, historical fiction, science fiction, etc.).
- o Describe the **setting** – In what place or country was the book set? And in what time period was the book set? Include other physical locations which are important in the story, like a character's house, or a school, for example.
- o Discuss other notable characteristics of the book. (For example: was it violent, scary,

fast-paced? Provide examples.)

- o What is the main character's major **conflict**? What is he/she trying to do?
- o What is the **resolution** of the book?
- o Make sure you cover all of the major parts of the plot. You might have to go back through the book, chapter by chapter, and make a few notes.

5. Personal Impressions and Concluding Paragraph – 5 sentences minimum

- o This paragraph should summarize your overall impressions of the book:
 - o Talk about what you liked or did not like about the book. Use this paragraph as your conclusion.
 - o Discuss the book's good points and weak points.
 - o Close with a sentence that states whether you would recommend the book to others.
 - o Don't be afraid to give your own honest impressions of the book. After all, if you've read the book thoroughly, you are entitled to your own opinion of it.
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Book Report Format for Nonfiction

1. Introductory Paragraph – 6 sentences minimum

- o Begin with a sentence that includes the book title (*italicize titles*) and the author's name.
- o Include the AR book level and points value. (Look up books at www.arbookfind.com)
- o State the reason(s) you decided to read this book. Typical reasons might be: you like the author; you like this genre (biography, true adventure, travel, science, etc.); someone recommended the book to you; you liked the cover. These reasons do not have to be complicated. Most people choose the books they read because they like the author or somebody recommended it to them. If you chose the book because you like the author, then state why you like that author.
- o Describe the setting – In what place or country was the book set? And in what time period?

2. Main Character(s) Paragraph – 8 sentences minimum

- o In at least eight sentences, write about the individuals important in the narrative. Include their names, personality descriptions, and explanations of why they are important in the story.
- o Indicate what these individuals do, whether their actions are important, and why.
- o Did you like the main character(s)? Explain why.

3. Major Events Paragraph – 8-10 sentences minimum

- o Write about three major events that occur in the narrative.

- o For each major event, explain when it happened, what happened, who was involved, and the results of the event.
- o Explain why each event you chose was important.

4. Lessons Learned Paragraph – 8 sentences minimum

- o Write about two to three important lessons or concepts you learned from this book.
- o For each concept you write about, include examples and details from the book.

5. Personal Impressions and Concluding Paragraph – 5 sentences minimum

- o This paragraph should summarize your overall impressions of the book:
- o Talk about what you liked or did not like about the book. Use this paragraph as your conclusion.
- o Discuss other notable characteristics of the book. (For example: was it violent, scary, fast-paced? Provide examples.)
- o Discuss the book's good points and weak points.
- o Close with a sentence that states whether you would recommend the book to others.
- o Don't be afraid to give your own honest impressions of the book. After all, if you've read the book thoroughly, you are entitled to your own opinion of it.