

Lamar Louise Curry Middle School
Summer Reading (BOOK-IN-A-BAG PROJECT)

You will be completing a book-in-a-bag project. If you don't normally have paper grocery bags at home, please be sure to pick one up the next time you head to the grocery store or recycle a paper gift bag, so you are ready for this project. We are NOT accepting boxes, manila envelopes, storage bins, file folders, plastic Publix bags, etc.). Your summer reading project will be worth 2-3 grades.

Directions:

1. Get a paper grocery or gift bag. Make sure the bag will be big enough to hold all your project objects (see below). You can find paper grocery bags at any grocery store. Used gift bags are also acceptable, but please be sure to cover (creatively).
2. Read your required novel. Don't wait until the last minute to read the book.
3. **On the front of the bag**, write the title and author's name. You also need to draw and color a scene from the story and write your favorite quote from the book. Get creative! Attaching a small basketball hoop or fake plant leaves to the front of the bag are examples of creative details that make the bag look great!
4. **On the back of the bag**, write a summary of the book on lined paper. The summary should include:
 - a. detailed information about the main character (family background, physical traits, how the character changed throughout the story, what happened to him/her to cause this change, and how this change affected the development of the story),
 - b. other major/minor characters by name and a description of each,
 - c. the setting (time and place of the story and how the setting changes), and
 - d. plot (brief explanation about what happened at the beginning, middle, and end of the story).
 - e. You MUST write your summary on paper and then glue or staple it to the bag. Your summary should be about 2-3 pages long. It should be in YOUR own words, and not your parents, or older siblings, or google. Please refer to the rubric under SUMMARY to include each component in well-written paragraphs.
5. **On the left side of the bag**, select two characters from the story and create a Venn diagram to compare and contrast the two characters.
6. **On the right side of the bag**, write the theme (message) of the book and explain why you selected that theme. Use evidence/examples from the story to support your theme.
7. **Inside the bag**, select 10 interesting vocabulary words from the story. Write down the words and define them. You can include drawings, too!
8. **Inside the bag**, choose 5 different literary elements such as characterization, plot, theme, setting, point-of-view, figurative language, etc. (Google search "Literary Elements" or Elements of Fiction" for more ideas). Find a 3-D item related to your book to represent each of the five literary elements you have chosen. For example, if you read Holes by Louis Sachar, you could put a toy shoe in your bag to represent plot because Stanley goes to a juvenile detention camp for stealing a pair of shoes. You must collect actual objects (do not draw or print pictures of objects). Please do NOT put food in your bag. Write a paragraph (6-8 sentences) explaining how each object relates to the book and the literary element it represents. Be imaginative and creative and make sure each item that you pick is unique.
9. **Bottom of the bag**, please put your name, period, teacher, and class. Also, draw stars to show how well you liked the book. Four (4) stars shows you loved it, one (1) star means you didn't care for it and write a paragraph that tells why you liked or didn't like the book. You can write it on paper and glue it to the bag.
10. Practice for your book report presentation. You will be sharing your project (5 minute maximum) with the class.

Grading:

- Refer to the attached Rubric. It will tell you how you will be graded and the point value for each component of the project.
- Make sure you hide any pictures or words on your paper bag with your own work! (We don't want to see you shop at Publix!)
- The summary is a big part of your grade. Be sure to include the setting and characters. Your summary needs to tell what happened at the beginning, middle, and end of the story. It should be on lined paper and be neat and easy to read. Your summary should be 2-3 pages in length and in YOUR own words.
- Remember to use complete sentences with correct capitalization and punctuation. Check your spelling!
- Be neat and creative. You should take your time and do your best work. It will show if you completed your project the night before.