

# Summer Reading 2017 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents,

For the upcoming school year, you are required to read a minimum of TWO books as part of your Summer Reading Assignment. In this packet you will find short summaries of the new *2018 Intermediate Nutmeg Nominees*. **You are REQUIRED to read any one of these 10 Nutmeg Nominees and will use this book to complete your assignment.** Your second book, however, can be any grade appropriate book of your choice, so we have also included helpful websites to assist you with your selection. *While these materials have been selected for middle school students, the titles span a broad range of reading and maturity levels. Therefore, we encourage adults to take an active role in helping to choose those books that are the best fit for your family. Please visit the websites listed on the next page if you have any concerns about the books. Commonsensemedia.org is our favorite.*

For your Nutmeg Nominee only, you will create an "Advertise-a-Book Poster" encouraging other students to read your selection. In this packet you will find specific guidelines for completing this assignment. You will need to bring your poster with you on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 30, 2017, as it will count as your first grade of the year in your language arts class. Be prepared to share your poster with your classmates. **Additionally, a parent/guardian signature is required to verify that they have reviewed your completed assignment and that you have read a second book. You will find a space for this ON THE BOTTOM OF THE POSTER CHECKLIST!!**

Remember, also, to record each of the books that you read on the attached *Governor's Summer Reading Challenge* pamphlet. Please turn this in to our Library Media Specialist, Mrs. Goad, during the first week of the new school year. This year, Mrs. DiMaggio is offering an extra recess to the homeroom with the greatest Governor's Reading Challenge participation!

Although you must read *at least two* books, we encourage you to read as much as you can throughout the summer months! We look forward to seeing you in August and discussing these great books with you! Have a great summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Novarro, Grade 5 Reading & Language Arts*

*Mrs. Selmont, Reading Specialist*

*Mrs. Goad, Library Media Specialist*

*This Summer Reading packet can be accessed through the Westbrook Middle School website. Additional copies will also be available in the middle school office and at the Westbrook Public Library.*

***Governor's Summer Reading materials can be accessed here:***

***<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2683&q=320322>***

# Resources for Selecting 2<sup>nd</sup> Book & Book Reviews:



The *Young Adult Library Services Association's* (YALSA) *Teen Book Finder* is a **FREE APP** to help teens, and anyone who loves young adult literature access to the past five years' of YALSA's awards and lists on their Smartphone.

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/products/teenbookfinder>

App features include:

- a homepage featuring three titles from the database, refreshed each day
- the ability to search for books by author, title, award/list year, genre, by award, and by book list
- a "Find It! Button" that will show users where to find the book in a nearby library
- a Favorites button, to create an individualized booklist
- the ability to share books from the Teen Book Finder on Twitter and Facebook

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The link below is for the *American Library Association's Notable Children's Books List*.

"Each year a committee of the Association for Library Service to Children identifies the best of the best in children's books... This list includes books of especially commendable quality, that exhibit venturesome creativity, and books of fiction, information, poetry and pictures for all age levels that reflect and encourage children's interests in exemplary ways."

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>

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More recommended websites for books & reviews:

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/issue/best-of-2015/section/middle-grade/>

<http://www.booklistonline.com/book-reviews>

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2017-best-best>

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2017-top-ten-best-fiction-young-adults>

[www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com)

<http://www.scholastic.com/teacher/ab/booktalks.htm>

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews>

<http://www.compassbookratings.com/category/award-winners/>

<https://sites.google.com/site/nutmegbookaward/>

# Advertise-a-Book Poster

## A. Your poster must include:

- ✓ Hand-drawn *or* printed pictures representing the following:
  1. Main character(s) in your book
  2. Setting (Time & Place) of the story
  3. **One** *important* event from the beginning of the book
  4. **Two** *important* events from the middle of your book
  5. **One** *important* event from the end of your book (...but don't give away the ending!)
- ✓ Under each picture, **neatly** write or type a 1-2 sentence caption/explanation
- ✓ Events must be placed on the poster in the order they occur

**REMEMBER:** Your goal is to *convince* your classmates to read the book...Have fun & be creative!

## B. STEPS FOR SUCCESS:

1. **Read, think about, and make sure you understand the book!** (Take notes as you read; sticky notes are a great tool!) Write down the names of **characters**, **where** and **when the story takes place** and any **events** that are important or exciting.
2. Plan your thoughts and ideas on a *separate* piece of paper before you begin to draw, cut, color, glue, etc. on your poster board. Ask an adult to check your work, too!
3. **Proofread, edit and revise.** Check your spelling, grammar & punctuation. Are characters' names spelled correctly and capitalized? Do you have complete sentences?

## C. Scoring Guidelines:

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| ✓ Includes ALL of the necessary criteria (from part <b>A</b> ) (50 points)  | _____ /50 |
| ✓ Creativity, neatness, and effort (20 points)  | _____ /20 |
| ✓ <b>Clearly</b> displaying the <u>book title, author's name, and YOUR name</u> on paper or poster board that is <u>no smaller</u> than 12" x 18" (10 points) | _____ /10 |
| ✓ Proper grammar, punctuation and spelling (10 points)  | _____ /10 |
| ✓ <i>Parent/Guardian signature verifying that you have read a second book</i> (10 points) X _____   | _____ /10 |

**Your score:**

**Total Points Possible: 100**

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