

YEAR 7

Reading Challenges

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Google ' Book review features ', click on the Book Trust link and read about how to write a review. Then write your own review of the book you have just read. It must be paragraphed and be neatly presented.	Read out loud to a sibling or parent/carer. Aim to read at the minimum a couple of pages or a chapter – one page isn't enough. Try to read with expression. Once done, make sure you get a signature from your parent/carer as evidence.
Write a newspaper article reporting on a significant event in the book you've read. It must have a headline, paragraphs and be written in 3 rd person with a formal and factual tone.	Create your own book cover for the book. It must reflect the key events and themes and fit the genre of the book. As a minimum, it needs the title, author name and an image. Keep it neat and colourful.
Select an interesting page from the book and create a set of 10 questions a teacher might ask you to answer. Then answer at least 3 of them in full sentences.	Create a 6-stage story board of either a chapter or the whole book. They must be key moments and include a short summary of each moment as well as an image.
Create an alternative ending for the book. It must include the original characters and be written in the same style as the rest of the book (don't change the genre!).	Imagine the book is being adapted into film. Draw and colour a design of one of the scenes . Along with it, write a detailed paragraph explaining your design.
Write a set of 10 questions you'd like to ask a main character. Provide answers to at least 3 from the character's perspective.	Draw a character from the book and surround them with: adjectives describing them, key quotations by/about them, and your thoughts about them.
Get creative! Create a collage of themes, characters or events from the story. Use cuttings from magazines, newspapers, your own drawings or the Internet.	Get creative! Visually represent your reading from the week – create an item from the story? Draw a map of the story's setting and label with key places or events?



Recommended Reads



Popular Series

Artemis Fowl (8) – Eoin Colfer
A Series of Unfortunate Events (13) – Lemony Snicket
Children of the Red King (8) – Jenny Nimmo
Harry Potter (7) – J.K. Rowling
H.I.V.E (8) – Mark Walden
The Chronicles of Narnia (7) – C.S. Lewis
The Inheritance Cycle – Eragon (4) – C. Paolini
The Wardstone Chronicles (13) – Joseph Delaney
Young Bond (9) – Charlie Higson

The English Department Recommend...

Miss Allam: The False Prince – Jennifer Nielson
Mr Carr: Mortal Engines – Philip Reeve
Mrs Cox: Rooftoppers – Katherine Rundell
Mrs Conacher: A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness
Mr Fermor: Amazon Adventure – Willard Price
Miss Frost: I, Coriander – Sally Gardner
Mrs Hawkins: Holes – Louis Sachar
Mrs Hillyard: The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien
Mrs Hoff: Sabrina Fludde – Pauline Fisk
Mr Lock: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy – Adams
Mrs Mallinson: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone – J.K. Rowling
Mrs Perryman: Huckleberry Finn – Mark Twain
Mr Stone: Northern Lights – Philip Pullman

Dystopian and Science Fiction

Divergent – Veronica Roth
Frozen in Time – Ali Sparkes
The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day – Christopher Edge
Tin – Pdraig Kenny

Relationships and Tough Situations

A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness
Boy in the Tower – Polly Ho-Yen
Milkweed – Jerry Spinelli
Pig Heart Boy – Malorie Blackman
Stargirl – Jerry Spinelli
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas – John Boyne
The Cay – Theodore Taylor
The Garbage King – Elizabeth Laird
The Goldfish Boy – Lisa Thompson
The Island at the End of Everything – Hargrave
Wonderboy – Nicole Burnstein

Action, Adventure and Thriller

Agent 21 – Chris Ryan
Blitzcat – Robert Westall
Cosmic – Frank Cottrell Boyce
Framed – Frank Cottrell Boyce
Hatchet – Gary Paulsen
I, Coriander – Sally Gardner
Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson
Mission Survival – Bear Grylls
Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo
The London Eye Mystery – Siobhan Dowd
The Speckled Band (short story) – A. Conan Doyle
The Thief Lord – Cornelia Funke
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase – Joan Aiken
Witch Child – Celia Rees
Young Sherlock: Death Cloud – Andrew Lane

Fantasy

A Wrinkle in Time – Madeline L'Engle
MetaWars: Fight for the Future – Jeff Norton
Minders – Diana Hendry
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – R. Riordan
Ranger's Apprentice – John Flanagan
Skellig – David Almond
Strange Star – Emma Carroll
The Box of Delights – John Masefield
The Dark is Rising – Susan Cooper
The Girl of Ink and Stars – Millwood Hargrave
The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman
The Sword in the Stone – T.H. White
The Wee Free Men – Terry Pratchett
The Weirdstone of Brisingamen – Alan Garner
Who Let the Gods Out – Maz Evans

Classics or Challenging Reads

Diary of Anne Frank – Anne Frank
Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte
Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes – A.C. Doyle
Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson

Note for parents:
some of these books are written for young adult readers, so may contain challenging content. Please check online reviews if you have any queries about suitability.

If you struggle with reading, try a graphic novel such as 'The Recruit' by Muchamore or 'Stormbreaker' by Horowitz, although you cannot read graphic novels all year! You can get books with tinted pages and special fonts from Barrington Stoke Books (www.barringtonstoke.co.uk) if you find it tricky to read comfortably.