

Summer Reading Assignments - Grade 5

Dear Fifth Grade Parents:

This year's summer reading list was created with one major purpose in mind - to encourage students to become recreational readers. We want our students to discover how enriching and entertaining reading for fun can be. We would encourage each of you to help your student find those books on the provided list that will best appeal to his or her tastes and interests. They should all be available at major bookstores and libraries. We would also encourage each of you to read at least one of the chosen books yourself, so that you can discuss it with your student. Remember, students become good readers by having good reading modeled for them at home and at school.

The Requirements:

1. Read the book, Number the Stars by Lois Lowry. The book tells how in 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis. After finishing the book, complete the attached assignment.
2. Read the book, In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord. This book tells the story of a Chinese girl who moves to Brooklyn, NY in 1947, where she starts to feel at home and make friends when she discovers baseball and the Brooklyn Dodgers. Part 1 of the assignment must be done after reading the first 4 chapters of the book and Part 2 after finishing the book.
3. In addition, choose at least 1 other book from the attached list. This book must be one that the student has *never* read before.
4. The assigned summer reading should be returned to school with the student in the fall. **The reports will be the first reading grades of the year.**

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5th GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

Students entering grade 5 are required to read three books: Number the Stars, In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson, and one of their choosing from the list below. All 3 books should be recorded on the Reading Record. There is a Bonus Box for any extra books read.

<u>Lexile</u>	<u>Title of Book</u>	<u>Author</u>
540	The Secret School	Avi
570	The Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk	Donald Sobol
580	The Fighting Ground	Avi
660	Letters from Rifka	Karen Hesse
670	Henry Huggins (several in series)	Beverly Cleary
680	A Ballad of the Civil War	Mary Stolz
700	Year of the Black Pony	Walt Morey
720	Freedom Crossing	Margaret Goff Clark
750	Four-Story Mistake	Elizabeth Enright
760	Harriet the Spy	Louise Fitzhugh
780	Lassie Come Home	Eric Knight
780	Call of the Wild	Jack London
830	Behind Rebel Lines	Seymour Reit
860	Five Little Peppers and How They Grew	Margaret Sidney
860	Julie of the Wolves	Jean Craighead George
870	Mountain Born	Elizabeth Yates
880	Brady	Jean Fritz
900	Guns for General Washington	Seymour Reit
920	Blue Willow	Doris Gates
950	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain
970	The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett
1010	Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
1080	Diary of a Young Girl	Anne Frank
1080	Snow Dog	Jim Kjelgaard
1100	Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
1110	Eagle of the Ninth and other historical fiction	Rosemary Sutcliff
	A Horse Called Willing	Rebecca Martin

<u>Book Series (lexiles vary)</u>	<u>Author</u>
Accidental Detectives	Sigmund Brouwer
Cooper Kids Adventure Series	Frank Peretti
Reel Kids Adventures	Dave Gustaveson
Seven Sleeper Series	Gilbert Morris
Trailblazer Series	Dave and Neta Jackson
Timebenders Series	Jim Denney

PARENTS: Where available, lexile scores have been provided to help you choose books at the appropriate reading level for your child. Your child should read in a range from 100 less to 50 more than the lexile score shown on the SAT results.

STUDENT NAME: _____

Number the Stars Assignment

Judaism and Christianity

In *Number the Stars*, the reason the Rosens were in danger was that they were Jewish. The German Nazi party blamed Jewish people for problems their country was having at the time. Conflict over religious beliefs had risen there, throughout Europe, and the rest of the world for many centuries.

Judaism and Christianity (along with Islam) started in the Middle East. Both Judaism and Christianity find the origins of their faith in the Old Testament. For those of Jewish faith, the first five books of the Old Testament, which Jews call the Torah and Christians call the Pentateuch, are especially meaningful; they tell of the creation of the earth, the beginnings of Judaic history and faith, and establishes the rules for living in harmony with God. The New Testament is sacred only to Christians, because it tells of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, whom Christians recognize as God come to earth in human form and the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament. Those who follow the Jewish religion do not acknowledge Jesus as God and believe that the promised Messiah has not yet appeared.

As you may recall, Christ was Jewish and taught His followers to obey the Old Testament as well as the teachings He gave us. Because Christ was Jewish and lived and taught among Jews, many Jews shared in the events that led to His death. Christians have sometimes blamed Jews for His death. Look up the Bible verses to answer the following questions (on a separate piece of paper). Be sure to write in pen, be neat, use cursive and explain your answers in several complete sentences.

- 1) Why did Jesus die? (Romans 5:1-10)
- 2) Did Jesus have the power to prevent His own death? (Matthew 26:53-54)
- 3) Was Jesus' sacrifice for all people, or just for certain people? (Romans 3:20-24)
Write down the words from these verses that give you the answers to this question.
- 4) What conclusions can you draw from these answers about who is responsible for Jesus's death?
- 5) What does a person have to believe to receive eternal life? (Acts 16:30-31; Romans 10:11-13) Can Jewish people believe this?
- 6) If Jewish people do not believe in Jesus, will they be saved because they are a member of God's chosen race? (Luke 3:8-9; John 14:6; Acts 4:11-12)
- 7) What does Jesus command believers to do for Jews and all others? (Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:46-48)

Number the Stars Assignment

Hidden Message Challenge

Place the answers to each of the following clues in the corresponding blanks on the next page. The letters reading down in the box will tell you one of Jesus' greatest commandments.

1. It was hidden in Lise's dress pocket.
2. What escaping to Sweden meant to the Jews.
3. Annemarie learned what it meant to be _____.
4. Her funeral was held in Uncle Henrik's house.
5. This was the name of Uncle Henrik's boat.
6. Peter and Lise were involved with the _____.
7. This was permeated with blood and cocaine.
8. When the soldiers searched her basket, Annemarie felt _____.
9. King Christian X was king of _____.
10. What the Germans called it when they arrested Jews.
11. Lise's fiance.
12. Ellen and her family leave Denmark because they are _____.
13. Annemarie's mother.
14. What happens to Annemarie's mother?



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What commandment of Jesus is found by reading down in the box above?

STUDENT NAME: _____

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson Assignment

Part 1

Complete this activity after reading the first 4 chapters of the book. Do not read any further until this assignment is completed.

On a separate piece of paper, write a friendly letter to Fourth Cousin as if you were Shirley Temple Wong. Make certain the letter meets these requirements:

- It is written in the first person
- It includes all five parts of a friendly letter
- The return address is No. 4 Willow Place, Brooklyn, New York, USA
- The body of the letter is at least 3 paragraphs long, describing Shirley's new life, her new neighborhood and school, and the new conveniences she didn't have in China. Remember, your relative is in China and everything foreign must be carefully described so that Fourth Cousin can get a picture of what you are telling her. Besides details and facts, be sure to include how you (Shirley) feel in your new country. Are you happy? Sad? Lonely? Scared? Lots of friends? Doing well in school?

Part 2

Complete this activity after finishing the book.

On a separate piece of paper, write another friendly letter to Fourth Cousin as if you were Shirley Temple Wong. Make certain the letter meets these requirements:

- It is written in the first person
- It includes all five parts of a friendly letter
- The return address is No. 4 Willow Place, Brooklyn, New York, USA
- The body of the letter is at least 3 paragraphs long and describes the second half of Shirley's first year in America. Talk about your new friends and how you made them, the games/sports you like to play and any exciting events at school. Besides details and facts, be sure to include how you (Shirley) feel now that you have lived in America for almost a year. Are you happy? Sad? Lonely? Scared? Lots of friends? Doing well in school?