

Summer Reading 2024

Incoming **8th** graders

This guide belongs to:

Select one of the books listed on the Belvidere Summer Reading site listed below. Complete this guide **AND** one of the projects listed. This guide and the project are due **Monday, September 9, 2024.**

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Additional information and book choices can be found at

<http://belvideresummerreading.weebly.com/>

Summer Reading Guide

Characters: Who are the main characters? List them and write a short description of each.

Setting: Where does the story take place? List the different settings and write a short description of each.

Plot: Summarize the story in a paragraph. Include the most important events.

Conflict: What is the problem that the main character faces? Does the character solve this problem? How?

Quotes: Pick two or three quotes from the book that stand out to you and write them below with the page number. Explain why you picked each quote.

Theme: What do you think the lesson of the story is? What does the author want you to learn?

Summer Reading Project

Choose ONE of the projects below to complete.

Alternate Ending: Write an alternate ending to your book. Make sure your ending is different from the original. This should be at least two pages.

Journal: Choose any one of the main characters from the book and write 10 journal entries pretending to be that character. Include events from the story and write about how you feel about these events. Each entry should be at least one paragraph.

Additional Chapter: Write an additional chapter to your book or an epilogue which takes place a few years later. This should be at least two pages.

Interview: Interview the main character about some of the events that happened in the story. You can include other characters as well. This should be written in question and answer format (Q: and A:). This should be at least two pages.

Illustrated Timeline: Create a timeline for the book. Your timeline should include 10 events from the story in order. Each event should have a short description and a picture related to the event.

Comic Strip: Create a 12-box comic strip version of the story. You should include the most important events. Each box should have a short caption to explain the illustration.

Book in a Box: Decorate a box to represent your book and fill it with objects that represent different parts of your book. If objects are too big to fit in the box, or you don't have the object, you can draw pictures yourself or use pictures from magazines or the internet. Please include five objects. In addition, for each object included, make a notecard that includes the name of the object at the top and a paragraph about how the object is important in the book.

