Accelerated Reader Program

[English 1-2]

*What is it?*

* Accelerated Reader (AR) is a reading program that gives you points for books you read.
* First, you go to the library and check out an AR book. (Look for white sticker on front of book.)
* When finished, take a test on it. The number of points you earn depends upon how well you do on the test. Getting all answers correct on a test means you receive the total point value for that book. You must get at least a 70% on a test to earn any points. (65% if it’s a 20-question test.)
* You earn 25 extra credit points if you earn your 20 AR points before Fall Break in the 1st semester, and can earn another 25 if you accumulate all 20 AR points before Spring Break in the 2nd semester.

*How Many Points Do I Have To Earn?*

* You must earn **20** points per semester.
* That’s **40** points total for the entire year.
* Each AR point earned equals **8** gradebook points. So, total points possible for each semester is **160**!
* Due Dates are as follows:

**1st Quarter (10 points) – Thursday, Oct. 1 2nd Quarter (10 points) – Thursday, Dec. 10**

**3rd Quarter (10 points) – Tuesday, March 9 4th Quarter (10 points) – Tuesday, May 18**

# Guidelines For AR

* Read any book you like, just make sure it’s an AR book. (Check **arbookfind.com**)
* You take tests on one of my computers. **You must have the book with you when you take a test.** ~~If there’s a long line, I will let you take it in the library. You must get a pass from me.~~
* Testing times are as follows:

**1]** In class when you’ve finished an assignment early, **2]** At lunch, **3]** After school (unless I have a meeting – checkwith me first), and **4]** during 5th period, with your teacher’s approval only.

# What If I Earn More Than 20 Points Per Semester?

* Each point over the required 20 points may be used as extra credit. Each point over the required 20 points earns you two gradebook points of extra credit. **The maximum amount of extra credit is 100 points! (So, the maximum number of AR points I can earn each semester is: )**
* All points expire at the end of each semester.

*Books Made Into Movies*

* You may not take an AR test on a book that has been made into a movie, unless you have my permission..

*Review*

* You need 20 AR points per semester (10 by the end of the 1st and 3rd quarters). AR is worth about 10% of your overall grade.
* To take an AR test, you must have the book you’re taking the test on with you.
* Every AR point over 20 equals 2 gradebook points of extra credit. **100 points of extra credit maximum.**
* You can’t take a test on a book that has been made into a movie, unless I’ve given you permission.
* All AR tests must be taken in my classroom during above mentioned times.
* Each AR point earned equals 8 gradebook points. There are 160 points possible per semester.

***Reading at Home Requirement***

* When assigned, you must read for at least 30 minutes.
* You must keep a reading log in your Teams Class Notebook under the “AR Notes” section. The reading log for each entry must have the following:

A. the date you read B. The page you started on followed by the page you ended on

C. the title of the book D. Your 5 TQR responses to whatever you read.

* TQR stands for Thoughts, Questions, or Realizations. Thoughts could be comments you have about the book or a specific character, for example. Questions could be about things you don’t understand or maybe predictive questions: “I wonder if…” Realizations could be things you have figured out about the story or a character you’re reading about, OR they could be things that happen in the book that are similar to experiences you’ve had.

***Can I Read a Book that’s not AR?***

 Yes. But, you must do one of the tasks listed below.

**1] Write an alternate ending.** TYPE a different ending to the story that shows you understand the main characters and the plot. Needs to be at least 300 words but no more than 400. Worth up to 10 AR points; I decide.

**2] Create a new cover for the book.** Use whatever medium you’re most comfortable with. Cover should show some understanding of the plot and some of the main characters. Worth up to 5 AR points; I decide.

**3] Make your own test.** Create a test AND another test with the answers on it. When ready, you take the test, but give me the answer key before taking it. I determine AR points based on the length and complexity of the book, as well as the types of questions you’ve come up with.