

English/Language Arts Quarterly Independent Reading Expectation



Students are expected to read independently each quarter in addition to their ELA class novels. Each student has three (3) independent reading assignments each quarter:

- Any novel the student selects—the novel should be at or slightly above the student's current reading level
- A book that is similar in genre to the current class novel study
- Read something that has to do with resilience—novel, short story, poem, magazine article, etc.

Throughout each quarter, the student will dedicate one page (no more, no less) to each of these three reading assignments and **CREATIVELY** shown that they have read the book/periodical and fully comprehended it. This assignment must show engagement, not 'going through the motions.'

There is a cover page for each entry that the student will fill out with information including the title of the book read, what category the reading is for the quarter, and supporting information. Both the student and a parent must sign this form indicating the student read the material for the first time within 60 days of turning in the page.

Each quarter, students will be given a deadline for all three pages to be completed; however, students are **highly encouraged** (meaning extra credit points will be awarded!) to complete them prior to each deadline. Each page will earn a separate grade that will be counted in the 'Assessments' category of the grade book.

Genres by Quarter:

1. Civil War Historical Fiction/Non-Fiction OR Social Justice
2. Social Criticism
3. World War Fiction/Non-Fiction (any novel connected to any war from World War I to the present)
4. Memoir