

Fifth Grade

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

NON-FICTION ACTIVITY

Biographies provide students with valuable lessons in life. The focus of 5th grade Social Studies is American History. To prepare for the upcoming year, choose a biography to read about a US president.

Directions: Read a biography of a US president. Please check to ensure the text is above a 4th grade reading level.

Activity 1 At the end of each chapter, write a brief summary (3-4 sentences), and identify the struggles and successes of the president. Be prepared to take the AR quiz.



FICTION ACTIVITY

A great novel reflects complexity. It includes insightful characters and unique perspectives. Once it's finished, we have a new understanding of the world around us and of ourselves.

Directions: Read **one** of the following:

- Restart by Gordon Korman (realistic fiction)
- Peter and Star Catchers by Dave Barry (fantasy)
- Savvy by Ingrid Law (fantasy)
- Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper (historical fiction)

Activity 2 Letter to My Teacher

For this task, students will compose a letter describing the book. This letter should include the following components:

- Introduction to the book: title and author
- Summary: a paragraph describing the characters, plot and resolution
- Personal opinion: a paragraph detailing personal thoughts about the book. Did you enjoy the book? Why or why not? Would you recommend it to a friend?