

3rd Quarter Independent Reading

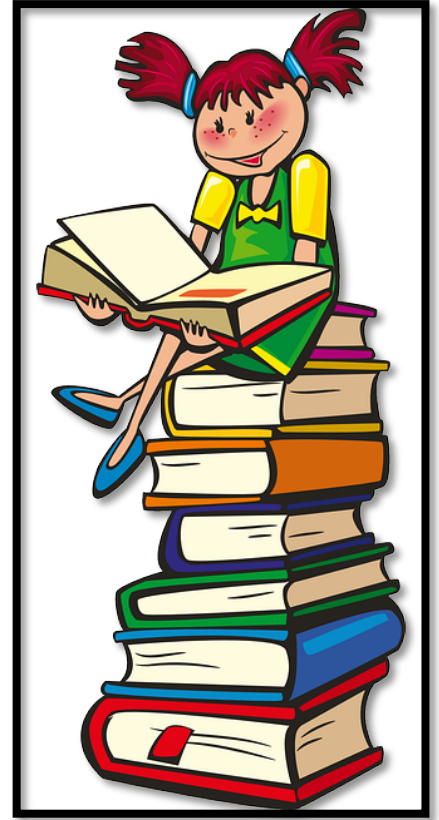
Your 3rd Quarter independent reading assignments will involve the following:

- Writing notebook entries and/or informal face-to-face book talks.
- Creating a book trailer (directions in Dropbox).
- Writing a book review (directions in Dropbox).
- Adding an entry to a Big Ideas book (directions in Dropbox).

This quarter, instead of a formal face-to-face book talk, you will develop a book trailer (similar to a movie trailer) that will hook the audience's attention and make us all want to grab the book you're recommending. As with other book talks, you'll summarize the book's general plot and conflict (problem) and share details about the characters. However, your book trailer should not give away any secrets or "spoil" the ending.

Your book trailer must include:

- An attention-getting format (iMovie has many templates to choose from).
- The title, author, and genre of the book.
- General information about the novel's plot (include characters' names, the conflict, the setting IF it's important to the story (e.g., if the book is set during World War II or in the future).
- Combinations of text, video, and/or images (must be your own images OR free to use or share – use an "advanced search" in Google for images that are free to use or share).
- A format that matches the book's mood (again, pick a template that fits the overall mood or feeling of your book; for example, if your book is serious, you should not choose a template that fits that mood).
- **Remember: do NOT give away any secrets!!**



Book Talk Planning Sheet

Name: _____

Summary – What is your book about? Share the main ideas, characters, conflict, etc. within your summary. Be brief, yet thorough. Avoid sharing any personal opinions about the book. (This is not a spoken book talk.)

Example: *Endangered* by Eliot Scheffer

Sophie lives in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the summer. She is there with her mom who runs a sanctuary for endangered bonobos. While she is there, a war begins. During the war, Sophie is without her mom because she had left the sanctuary to get more bonobos. Sophie and sanctuary works are fine until rebels attack the sanctuary. Sophie is forced to run into the jungle with a baby bonobo named Otto. They become close to each other and try to survive with what they have until the war is over. _____

Theme – A theme is an author's overall message or the lesson readers should take away. Themes often include the ideas from our theme wall.

Examples: *Schooled* – Sometimes the small **changes** that occur in our lives lead to bigger changes. **OR** We can find **friendship** and **loyalty** in unlikely places. **OR** If you stick to your **beliefs** and use your talents, you can **make a difference** in the lives of those around you.

1. Book title and author: _____

2. Genre: _____

3. Plot Summary: (Be brief yet thorough. As you write a general overview of the plot, include characters' names, the conflict, important events, etc. Do NOT list items separately, and avoid personal opinions about the book.)

4. Theme words that fit book:

5. Possible theme (a statement sharing a message or lesson learned): _____

On the day you share your book trailer, turn in your planning sheet and rubric.