**Independent Reading Assignment Sheet**

Description:

Each quarter, you will be asked to choose a book to read on your own. At the end of the quarter, you will be assessed on your understanding of that book. Although, some class time will be dedicated to independent reading, ultimately, it will be your responsibility to read your book. You will also be required to write your own reading schedule to monitor your progress.

Rationale:

Reading is the best way for you to become a better reader, writer, speaker, and grammatical guru. Reading independently and for pleasure will help you expand your vocabulary and prepare for future standardized tests, such as the PSAT, ACT, SAT, AP, and SOL exams. Reading is also one of the most poignant ways to become aware of the experiences, cultures, and beliefs of others. Also you could end up, you know, enjoying it.

Permission: Before you select your independent reading choice, you will be required to discuss it with your parent(s)/guardian(s) and return a signed form indicating permission for you to read it and your own commitment to your chosen book.

Independent Reading List—First Quarter

*13 Reasons Why* by Jay Asher

*A Child Called It* by David Pelzer

*Alanna* by Tamora Pierce

*All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque

*American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang

*Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

*And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

*Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer

*Barcode Tattoo* by Suzanne Weyn

*Bluford High Series*

*Bone* by Jeff Smith

*Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson

*Bunheads* by Sophie Flack

*Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins

*Class A: Baseball in the Middle of Everywhere* by Lucas Mann

*Dealing with Dragons* by Patricia C. Wrede

*Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson

*Divergent* by Veronica Roth

*Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine

*Ender’s Game* by Orson Scott Card

*Ender’s Shadow* by Orson Scott Card

*Eragon* by Christopher Paolini

*Escape from Camp 14* by Blaine Harden

*Esperanza Rising* by Ryan Dam Munoz

*Every Day* by David Levithan

*Fangirl* by Rainbow Rowell

*Feed* by M.T. Andersen

*Flipped* by Wendelin van Draanen

*Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes

*Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick

*Fruits Basket* by Natsuki Takaya

*Game of Thrones* by George R. R. Martin

*Graceling* by Kristin Cashore

*Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling

*Holes* by Louis Sachar

*House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer

*Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

*If I Stay* by Gayle Forman

*Just Listen* by [Sarah](http://www.cmlibrary.org/readers_club/reviews/results.asp?author=Dessen%2C+Sarah) Dessen

*Leviathan* by Scott Westerfield

[*Life on the Refrigerator Door*](http://www.bouncelinks.com/bounce?bounceID=2&tag=k12&bounceURL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2Fs%2Fref%3Dnb_sb_ss_i_0_29%3Furl%3Dsearch-alias%253Dstripbooks%26field-keywords%3Dlife%2Bon%2Bthe%2Brefrigerator%2Bdoor%26sprefix%3Dlife%2Bon%2Bthe%2Brefrigerator%2Bdoor%26rh%3Dn%253A283155%252Ck%253Alife%2Bon%2Bthe%2Brefrigerator%2Bdoor%26ajr%3D3) by Alice Kuipers

*Looking for Alaska* by John Green

*Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

*Marked* by P.C. Cast’s Kristin Cast

*Matched* by Ally Condie

[*Maximum Ride*](http://www.max-dan-wiz.com/)by James [Patterson](http://www.cmlibrary.org/readers_club/reviews/results.asp?author=Patterson%2C+James)   
*The Maze Runner* by James [Dashner](http://www.cmlibrary.org/readers_club/reviews/results.asp?author=Dashner%2C+James)  
*Death Note* by Tsugumi Ohba

*Moneyball* by Michael Lewis

*Monster* by Walter Dean Myers

*Mortal Instruments* by Cassandra Clare

*Mr. Penumbra’s 24-hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan

*My Sister’s Keeper* by Jodi Picoult

*No More Dead Dogs* by Gordon [Korman](http://www.cmlibrary.org/readers_club/reviews/results.asp?author=Korman%2C+Gordon)

*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

*Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* by Seth Grahame-Smith

*Rebel Angels* by Libba Bray

*Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe

*Room* by Emma Donoghue

*Sabriel* by Garth Nix

*Shiver* by Maggie Stiefvater

*Skulduggery Pleasant* by Derek Landy

*Speak* by Laurie Halse Andersen

*Spud* by John [Van de Ruit](http://www.cmlibrary.org/readers_club/reviews/results.asp?author=Van+de+Ruit%2C+John)  
*William Shakespeare's Star Wars: Verily, a New Hope* by Ian Doescher

*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

*Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes* by Chris Crutcher

*Still Alice* by Lisa Genova

*Tangerine* by Edward Bloor

*The Blind Side* by Michael Lewis

*The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak

*The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

*The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier

[*The Compound*](http://www.bouncelinks.com/bounce?bounceID=2&tag=k12&bounceURL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2FCompound-S-Bodeen%2Fdp%2F0312578601%2Fref%3Dsr_1_1%3Fs%3Dbooks%26ie%3DUTF8%26qid%3D1301067788%26sr%3D1-1) by S.A. Bodeen

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon

*The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown

*The Darkest Minds* by Alexandra Bracken

*The Death of Kings* by Conn Iggulden

*The Duff (Designated Ugly Fat Friend)* by Kody Keplinger

*The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green

*The Giver* by Lois Lowry

*The Great Train Robbery* by Michael Criton

*The Hero and the Crown* by Robin McKinley

*The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

*The Interestings* by Meg Wolitzer

*The Last Olympian* by Rick Riordan

*The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

*The Little Prince* by Antoine De Saint-Exupery

*The Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkein

*The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold

*The Lying Game* by Sara Shepared

*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo

*The Old Man in the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway

*The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

*The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky

*The Princess Bride* by William Golding

*The Road* by Cormac Macarthy

*The Sandman* by Neil Gaiman

*The Thirteen Little Blue Envelopes* by Maureen Johnson

*The Walking Dead* by Robert Kirkman and Tony Moore

*The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

*Twilight* by Stephanie Meyer

[*Twisted*](http://www.bouncelinks.com/bounce?bounceID=2&tag=k12&bounceURL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2FTwisted-Laurie-Halse-Anderson%2Fdp%2F0142411841%2Fref%3Dsr_1_1%3Fs%3Dbooks%26ie%3DUTF8%26qid%3D1301067612%26sr%3D1-1) by Laurie Halse Anderson

*Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld

[*Unwind*](http://www.bouncelinks.com/bounce?bounceID=2&tag=k12&bounceURL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2FUnwind-Neal-Shusterman%2Fdp%2F1416912053%2Fref%3Dsr_1_1%3Fs%3Dbooks%26ie%3DUTF8%26qid%3D1301067823%26sr%3D1-1) by Neil Shusterman

*Valiant* by Holly Flack

*Watchmen* by Alan Moore

*When Zachary Beaver Came to Town* by Kimberly Willis Holt

*Where’d You Go Bernadette* by Maria Semple

*White Oleander* by Janet Finch

*Wicked* by Gregory Maguire

*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

*XVI by* Julia Karr