

ENGLISH 9 Summer Reading

Non-Honors

Why Summer Reading?

Reading is a fundamental life skill, and it can also be a pleasurable and rewarding activity. The LCA English Department cares greatly about fostering in our students the enjoyment of quality literature as well as helping them achieve academic gains across all disciplines. Studies show that people who read more become stronger readers and writers and have better vocabulary and spelling skills. Independent reading outside the classroom is just as important as guided reading inside the classroom in developing these skills. Our goal is for all students to take ownership of their reading and know the pleasure of independence.

REQUIRED Reading and Project: *The Hobbit*

You should finish reading *The Hobbit* BEFORE the first day of classes. The Flipgrid recording should also be completed BEFORE the first day of classes.

1. Read *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien.
2. When you have finished reading *The Hobbit*, create a Flipgrid book review for *The Hobbit* according to the instructions on the next page. Use the following link to record your book review:

<https://flipgrid.com/23a24fc4>

3. Be ready for a reading quiz during the first week of classes.

Summer Reading Flipgrid Book Review Instructions

<https://flipgrid.com/23a24fc4>

Directions: To demonstrate completion of the summer reading assignment, you will create a Flipgrid video book review for *The Hobbit*. Your book review should be a minimum of 2 minutes, 30 seconds (2:30) and no more than 3 minutes (3:00) Flipgrid will cut you off at the 3-minute mark, so plan carefully! Here is a script you can use to guide your review:

1st Minute: Introduce Yourself and the Book

- ✓ Hey, Mr. Nelson! My name is _____ and this is a Flipgrid book review for _____ by _____.
- ✓ My three-sentence summary of the book is _____.
- ✓ My absolute favorite part of the book was _____ because _____.
- ✓ My favorite character was _____ because _____.
- ✓ I was really surprised when _____.
- ✓ I was a little confused about (or when) _____.
- ✓ Five new words I learned were _____.
- ✓ Something I noticed about the author's writing style was _____.

2nd Minute: Voice Acting!

- ✓ Now, I'm going to read a little of the book to you...

Here, select a part of the book that was really memorable for you... And then read it—DRAMATICALLY! Pretend you are creating an audiobook and voice-act your selection. Don't bore me to tears... but don't overdo it either. It's all about "just right!" And remember: You only have 60 seconds to do it!

3rd Minute: Your Recommendations

- ✓ Other students might enjoy this book because _____ but they might struggle with _____.
- ✓ People of any age will enjoy this book because _____ but they might struggle with _____.
- ✓ I could personally relate most to the character(s) of _____ because _____.
- ✓ Something that happened in the book that reminded me of the Christian faith was _____.
- ✓ So, my ultimate conclusion is that I (do/do not) recommend this book because _____.
- ✓ Thanks for listening!

Finally, please review your video to make sure that the sound levels are correct. If you can't hear your book review, I won't be able to hear it either!