



Mead Hall Middle School Summer Reading Project

It's a Book Tasting!

The summer reading project for grades 5-8 will be to prepare for a Book Tasting event in August. You should identify a unique book of your choice - it can be any genre as long as it is fiction at a young adult reading level or above.

Choose your book and read it over the summer.

Then, you will need to create a menu as instructed below. Be creative with your design and be prepared to present it in August!

MENU INSTRUCTIONS

Using the manila folder provided, construct a Book Tasting menu showcasing your selected book according to the following basic design. Be creative with layout, color choice, and visual elements. This menu will act as an “advertisement” of the book for the potential reader.

Holding the manilla folder with the crease on the left and the opening on the right (like it was a book):

Front Cover:

- Book title
- Author
- Genre
- One illustration or other eye-catching visual element relevant to your book (remember you want to pique the interest of your classmates)

Inside Left Page:

- Write and type one paragraph summarizing the plot of your book up to the climax - this will give a potential reader an idea of what the book is generally about and where it takes place. (Be careful NOT to spoil the ending or important plot twists)
- Include three “snapshots” of characters from the book providing a picture and brief description for each chosen character.

Inside Right Page:

- Provide an illustration of one important symbol from the book. Write a brief explanation of the meaning of this symbol.
- Identify three motifs from the book - important ideas (ex. friendship, the journey, etc.).
- Identify two literary devices used by the author that strengthened the literary merit of the book (ex. simile/metaphor, hyperbole, imagery, etc.)

Back Page:

- Highlight three favorite quotations from the book on the back page.
- At the bottom, include your name and a star rating of the book (total number out of five stars with five being the highest).

We will share these “menus” with each other in August to get a taste of some other great books we may want to read for fun! (and this is your first test grade of the year, so always use proper grammar, spelling, capitalization, etc.)

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| Content (following all the instructions above) | _____ /60 |
| Creative effort | _____ /20 |
| Grammar, Punctuation, Usage, Mechanics | _____ /20 |
| TOTAL | _____ /100 |

Below are samples from past Book Tastings:

- Top: Covers
- Middle: Inside requirements
- Bottom: Backs

BE CREATIVE!

