

5th Grade
Summer Reading Letter to the Author Assignment

DIRECTIONS: Select a book from the summer reading list for your grade level. You may choose from the suggested titles on the back of this page. Then read the book and write a 1-2 page letter to the author of this book, addressing the topics below. Please type this, and make sure it is double spaced and that you use size 14 Times New Roman font.

As you read, think about and address these questions:

- 1) How does this book make you feel? Happy, sad, angry, frightened, etc.?

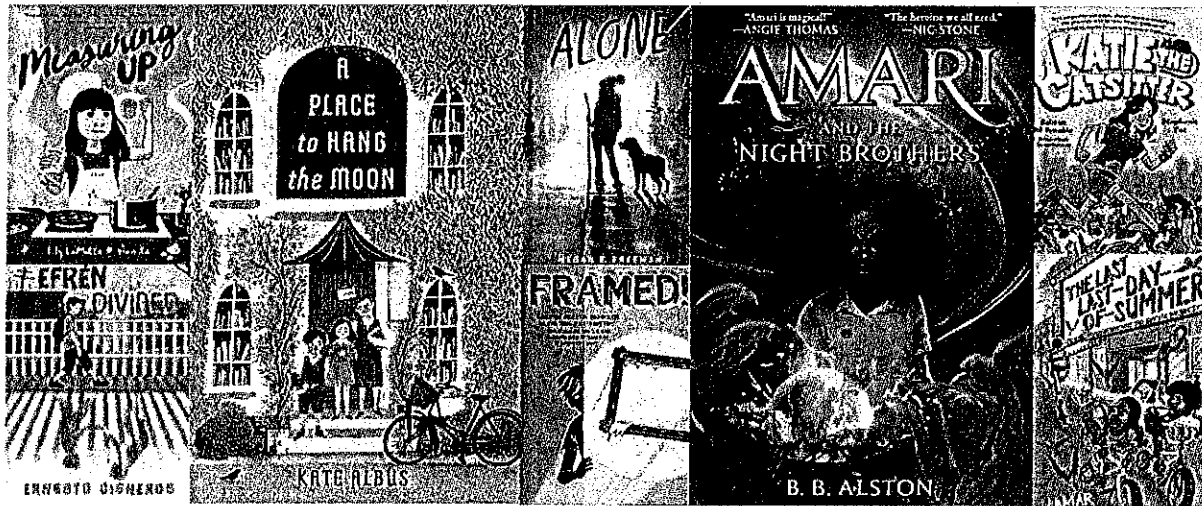
- 2) Do you recognize yourself or someone you know in any of the characters or incidents?

- 3) What valuable lessons does it teach you about life? Tell the author how reading his or her work (name the title) somehow changed your way of thinking about yourself or the world around you. Make a connection between yourself and a character or event in the story. Did the book mirror your life in some way? What questions did the author force you to ask yourself or others? Do not summarize the plot of the book. Why? The author wrote the story and already knows what happened. What the author doesn't know is the way the book affected you. Write about you. Be honest, personal, and conversational. Hints: Correspond, don't compliment. You are writing a reader's response letter and not a fan letter. If you did not like the book or a particular character, be specific with your reasoning. Give details from the book that defend your opinions/thoughts.

Have a great summer!



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Fantasy

Race to the Sun by Rebecca Roanhorse
Legacy and the Queen by Annie
Matthew, created by Kobe Bryant
*Charlie Hernandez and the League of
Shadows* by Ryan Calejo
Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B.
Alston
The Serpent's Secret by Sayantani
Dasgupta
Masterminds by Gordon Korman

Adventure

Green Lantern Legacy by Minh Le
Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation
by Stuart Gibb
Explorer Academy: The Nebula Secret
by Trudi Trueit
Alone by Megan E Freeman
Dog Driven by Terry Lynn Johnson
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library
by Chris Grabenstein

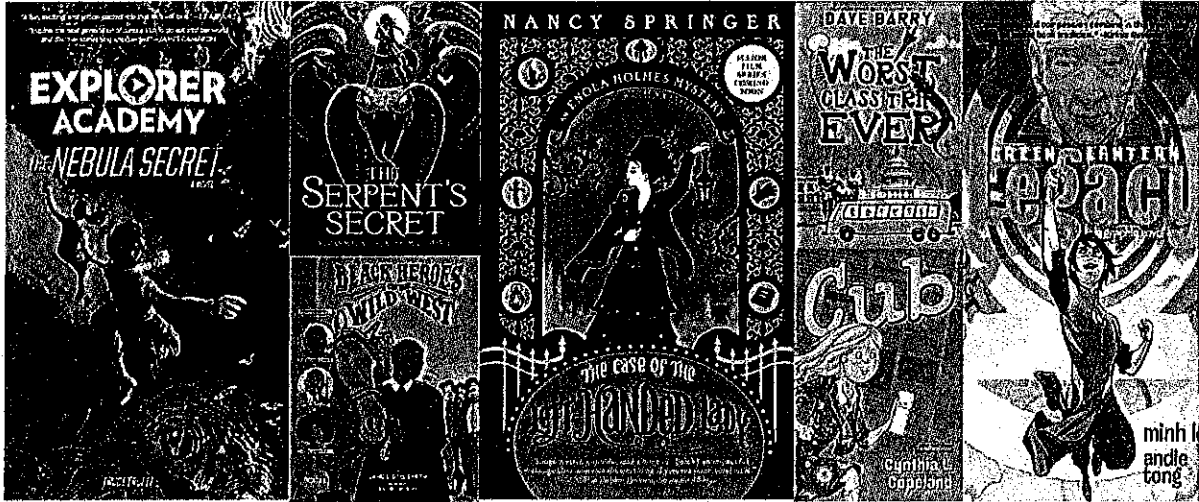
Mystery

Space Case by Stuart Gibbs
Framed! A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery by James
Ponti
The Screaming Staircase by Jonathan
Stroud
Nooks and Crannies by Jessica Lawson
The Frame-Up by Wendy McLeod
MacKnight
*The Case of the Left-Handed Lady: An
Enola Holmes Mystery* by Nancy
Springer

Historical Fiction

A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate
Albus
Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood
Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park
Brother's Keeper by Julie Lee
Cub by Cynthia L. Copeland
Queen of the Sea by Dylan Meconis
The War That Saved My Life by
Kimberly Brubaker Bradley





Realistic

Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte
Roll with It by Jamie Sumner
Efrén Divided by Ernesto Cisneros
Unteachables by Gordon Korman
No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen
New Kid by Jerry Craft
Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly

Humor

Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger
Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life by James Patterson & Chris Tebbetts
The Worst Class Trip Ever by Dave Barry
The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier
Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai
The Last Last Day of Summer by Lamar Giles

Animals

The Elephant in the Room by Holly Goldberg Sloan
Katie the Catsitter by Colleen AF Venable
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien
Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer by Kelly Jones
A Whale of the Wild by Rosanne Parry

Nonfiction

Accidental Archeologists by Sarah Albee
Two Truths and a Lie by Ammi-Joan Paquette and Laurie Ann Thompson, illustrated by Lisa K. Weber
So You Want to Be a Ninja? by Bruno Vincent
Almanac 2021 National Geographic Kids
The Thrifty Guide to Ancient Rome by Jonathan Stokes
Black Heroes of the Wild West by James Otis Smith