

WIDER READING CHALLENGES

Read a book from your Humanities reading list, or check with your teacher if you can read another related book.

Then you complete two compulsory tasks and choose one elective task.

COMPULSORY TASKS

1. QUESTIONS

List five questions that your book provides answers to. For example, if the book was about wildlife in Tasmania, one of your five questions could be: What kind of animals live in Tasmania?

2. REFERENCE

You must correctly write down the 'reference' for the book that you read. You should be able to find all this information in the first few pages of the book, or inside the cover.

This is the format of it:

Author's Last name, Initial of first name, Year of publication, *Title of book*, Publisher's name, Place of publication.

If it is an organisation instead of a person that wrote the book, just put the name of the organisation instead of a person's name.

Examples:

Deary, T, 2002, *Horrible Histories: Barmy British Empire*, Scholastic Children's Books, China.

Guinness World Records, 2009, *Guinness World Records 2009: Gamer's Edition*, The Jim Pattinson Group, London.

ELECTIVE TASKS: CHOOSE ONE

Whichever challenge you choose, your response to each task must be *at least* 250 words, except for the tasks with a star at the end. You may only do each challenge once, so choose wisely.

KEYWORDS

Choose ten of the most important words in your book and write definitions for them. Now write a paragraph (or two) that uses all ten words correctly.

BLURB

Write a blurb for the book, with a picture. You are trying to convince people to read the book, so make it sound exciting!

BIOGRAPHY

Pick an important person from your book and write a short biography of them. Include at *least* the following details: Date of birth, date of death, how they died, family members, great achievements.

IN THEIR SHOES

Imagine that you are one of the people from the book you read. Write one day's journal entry as if you were that person.

MAPPING*

Create an A4 map of an area that is in your book. Make sure you use lots of colour! Include notes of what all the different things on your map are; this is called a 'key'.

INTERVIEW

You are a journalist for the newspaper and you are interviewing a character from the book you read. Write at least half a page, typed. What types of questions do you ask? What do you want to find out?

BOARD GAME*

Create a simple board game (it could be the same style as snakes and ladders) based on the book that you read. Make it really creative.

EXPLAINER

Find a skill that is discussed in a book you read. Create an instruction manual for a child to be able to learn or do that skill.

TRAILER*

Using an iMovie template, make a short trailer for your book.

TIMELINE*

If you are reading a book about history, use it to create a timeline. Include the ten most important dates in the book. Include a small image for each date.

SHORT STORY

Write a short fictional story (at least ½ a page) set in the same world as the book that you are reading. Make sure that it still has a beginning, middle and an end.

NEWS ARTICLE

Write a news article as if it was going to be in the paper, about an issue that was in the book you read. Remember to include a catchy headline and one picture.

POEM

Write a poem or a rap about something that was in the book. Remember: poems don't have to rhyme.

COLLAGE*

Using either paper or an app like PicCollage, create a collage that summarises the things that you found in your book. You must also include a key/legend explaining why each image is related to the book.

TEST

Write a ten question multiple choice test, or create a ten question Kahoot! based on the ideas in the book you read.

CROSSWORD*

Create a crossword that has at least ten of the most important words from your book. Don't forget, crosswords need clues!

GRAPHING*

Find some information in the book you read that is shown in numbers. Create a graph to represent this. Remember to include a title, name the axes and a key / legend. You might want to use a line graph for something that changes over time, or a bar graph, or a pie chart (which is good to compare ratios of things).