



20 Book Challenge!

Why you should accept this challenge?

- It will help you develop a passion and love of learning and reading
- It will help you build up stamina to handle large quantities of reading
- It will help prepare you for the amount of reading required in high school and college
- It will help you develop an ability to comprehend complex texts independently
- It will help you to develop a “reading life” where you constantly seek out books to read

THE CHALLENGE:

**Read 20 books the rest of the school year!
20 books? Yes, 20 books!**

- All 40 books will be personal choice.
- Any books we read as a class will count toward your total.
- If you are currently in the middle of a book, it counts!

Class Competition:

All of my classes will be taking the 20 Book Challenge this year.

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the year to:

- The class period that reads the most books
- Any students who reach the 20 Book mark
- The person who reads the MOST books this year

Abandoning a Book

You probably will start a book and not be able to get into it. That’s ok. You don’t have to like every book you read; I would rather you find something you enjoy reading. I would encourage you to read the first fifty pages of the book before abandoning it.

E-Books

If you have an e-reader, such as an iPad, Kindle, Nook, etc. you may use it to read during class, **ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR CLASSWORK!**

20 Book Challenge Training Program

- 1) Set your Goal!** - Everyone's goal will be 20 books, but you can set a lower challenge goal to get you started off without feeling too overwhelmed.
- 2) Get Ideas!** - The librarian will be giving "Book Talks" for books from time to time. This will allow you to have some new ideas for books to read.
- 3) Start a List!** - Use the "I Can't Wait to Read List" sheet to start keeping track of books that you want to read. This way you always know where to go next when you finish a book. You can get these from me.
- 4) Choose a Book!** - Choose the first book you want to begin reading. Once you finish this book, you will just pick a new one as your personal reading book.
- 5) Get in the Reading Zone!** - When you read, dive into the book and block out the world. During homeroom and extra class time you have time to read. This will give you some time to read, but it won't be enough. Plan to also read outside of class for about 20 minutes a day or about two hours a week.
- 6) Keep Track!** -When you finish a book, you will enter in the title, author, and genre on the "20 Book Challenge!" Survey online available @ mrsmaysent.weebly.com
- 7) Check In!** - We will be conferencing about your books and progress. Be prepared!
- 8) Challenge Yourself!** - Push yourself to not only read more books, but to read more complex books or books out of your comfort zone. Books that are easy or fun for you to read are pleasure reading. You can also push yourself to a "Challenge" book, which you consider to be more complex than your normal pleasure reading. You can also push yourself to read a "Reach" book that will force you to grow even more as reader!

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