

Self- Selected Reading (SSR) Friday Guidelines and Expectations

Objective: To provide students an opportunity to read material of their own choice as a method to while improve reading skills, build vocabulary, improve grammar and increase comprehension skills.

Assignment: Students will participate in 30-45 minutes of SSR per week as a part of an ongoing assignment for the semester. After reading you will be given an assignment. You will have TWO options to choose from:

- **Option 1:** Choose your OWN novel that will read for the ENTIRE grading period; this novel **MUST** be approved by the teacher.
- **Option 2:** You may read the article provided weekly by the teacher.

SSR FAQs:

What kind of books can I read?

You may choose any genre (type) of novel you enjoy reading as long as it is school appropriate and not a part of ANY school district's curriculum. ALL novels must be approved by instructor prior to reading. Absolutely no "ZANE" or *50 Shades of Gray* type novels will be allowed!!!

What if I don't like to read?

If you read something that interests you, then it's no big deal to read. Remember EVERYONE has different tastes....

What if I don't know what kind of books I like to read?

Think about your personal interests...if you like sports then chances are you would find a book about sports interesting...the more you connect to a book on a personal level the more interesting it is to YOU.

What kind of books can I choose from?

There are thousands of possibilities, non-fiction, fiction, mystery/suspense, drama, romance, science fiction, fantasy, westerns, horror, thrillers, historical, graphic novels, etc...

What if I don't have the money to buy a book?

There are a few options...you can go to the library and check one out (either school or public), you can borrow one (you'll need to keep it until you are finished), or you may use a digital format (kindle, tablet, etc.) NOTE: Please see school policy regarding electronic/ digital devices

SSR FAQs (cont'd):

Why do we have to do this?

First of all this is English class and reading is something we have to do, plus it builds your vocabulary; Secondly it gives you a break from the horrible, awful, horrendous stuff we have to read, and Last but certainly not least...it is the only way English teachers can think of to add more work lol!

What if I forget my novel?

Then you can read the article provided by the teacher.

Can I work on homework during this time?

If for some reason you choose to work on homework you **MUST** get permission from your teacher and only **HALF CREDIT** will be received.

What if I'm absent?

You have one week to make up SSR from the day you missed, you **MUST** make arrangements with your teacher. Anything past a week = **ZERO**

What if I finish my novel before the end of the grading period?

See your teacher