

## Personal Book Challenge Ideas

Below are some ideas for a personal book challenge for you to undertake. You may choose several to complete over the course of the year, choose the 30 book challenge to complete over the course of the year, or design your own. With the exception of the 30 book challenge, when you finish one, begin another. You may complete as many challenges as you wish, but you should complete at least 3 (unless you choose the 30 book challenge which lasts all year).

- 1) **30 Book Challenge:** This one is the simplest to understand, but will require a bit of effort to fulfill. Challenge yourself to read 30 novels this school year. This translates to about one per week. You may choose to combine this with one of the other challenges below to determine your 30 books.
- 2) **Newbery Challenge:** Newbery Honor and Newbery Medal books are chosen by a panel of reading experts each year. Look for the star on the spine in Mrs. Mizerny's classroom library. Read 4 Newbery award winning novels.
- 3) **Author Study:** Choose a popular author (for example: Andrew Clements, C.S. Lewis, J. K. Rowling, Cynthia Lord, Sharon Creech, or Gordon Korman) and read 4 of his/her books.
- 4) **Genre Study:** Choose a genre such as Fantasy, Science Fiction, Mystery, Historical Fiction, Biography, or Realistic Fiction and read 4 titles.
- 5) **Read a Series:** Choose a series that contains at least 3 books and read every book in that series. Popular series are: Harry Potter, Divergent, Hunger Games, the Narnia Books, the Hobbit Books, or The Maze Runner (but there are many more).
- 6) **Choose a Topic:** Choose a topic of interest (for example: dance, the ocean, the environment, the Civil War, or science) and read 4 books on that same topic. NOTE: you may want to choose non-fiction books as well as fiction for this challenge.
- 7) **Make a Book Club:** Choose a novel to read at the same time as a friend (does not have to be in the same English class). Determine a time to meet and discuss your feelings and opinions about the book.
- 8) **Delve into Diversity:** Choose novels that center around the theme of diversity. These will have characters with different religions, races, ability levels, etc. Read 4 diverse novels.
- 9) **The Geography Challenge:** Choose novels that take place in different countries or in different states in the U.S. Read novels from 4 different geographic locations.
- 10) **Design Your Own Challenge:** There are many other challenges out there. On the internet, there are challenges such as The Rory Gilmore Challenge, The recommended "Must Read in Middle School" lists, The Mighty Girl Website recommended list, Read-Alike lists (the types that are "If you loved \_\_\_\_, then try \_\_\_\_") and many more. If 30 books feels overwhelming, you may simply determine the number of books that you feel you could realistically read in a month/year and make that your challenge. Decide what you think may interest you and discuss it with Mrs. Mizerny.

Have fun and Happy Reading.