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Ideas to Extend and Expand Your Summer Reading

Call up a friend and choose a book to read together. You could set a time each day to take turns reading aloud to each other or you could read on your own and meet up to discuss when you have both finished.

Start a virtual book club with some of your friends.

Keep a journal of your reading. Record the basics, such as author and title, then add your own thoughts—the date you started, the date you finished, how the book made you feel, and other personal thoughts. Include drawings, collages, quotes, poetry, or anything that connects back to your reading.

Watch a movie and then read the book. Which did you like better and why? Now switch it up: read a book and then watch the movie. Which did you like better this time and why? Do you think your preference changed based on which you experienced first? Or would your preferences have been the same in whichever order you experienced the story?

Use social media to document and share your reading. You could even start a blog.

Challenge yourself to read a book from each of these genres: fiction, historical fiction, fantasy, nonfiction, graphic novel, novel in verse, and poetry.

Reading Review Ideas

Note the following:

Book title: _____

Author: _____ Illustrator: _____

Genre (fiction, fantasy, nonfiction*, graphic novel, verse/poetry**, other): _____

1. How would you rate your book? (Four stars is the highest rating.) ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

2. Who was your favorite character? Why?

3. Draw a picture of how you imagined your favorite character to look as you were reading.

***If you read a nonfiction book, show off your new knowledge!**

1. Write a brief description and review of the book. Why did you choose to read about this topic? Would you recommend the book to a friend? Why?

2. Make a poster to show the most interesting fact you learned.

3. Read another title about the same subject and compare and contrast the two. Was the information the same in both? If not, what was different?

****If you read a book of poetry, write a review of it explaining how the poems in it are related. Are they all about the same subject? If so, what is it?**
