

# *Mr. Harpine's Home Reading Log*

What is it?

Every day your child is required to read from his/her social studies book. It is the student's responsibility to write the reading assignment in his/her planner.

Where is it?

Every child has been assigned a textbook, an agenda planner and a reading log. If your child loses the reading log additional copies are available online. If a textbook or planner is lost there is a fee, please be careful not to lose these.

Who does this apply to?

All students in Mr. Harpine's social studies class must complete a reading log each week.

When must I do this?

You must read every school night, every week.

Why must I do this?

Reading your textbook every night will help you to earn higher grades. You will receive higher scores on class tests and quizzes.

*Did you lose your reading log???*

*Try This...*

[www.geocities.com/dharpine](http://www.geocities.com/dharpine)



# Extra Credit...



## Historical Fiction Book Report Menu



Read a fiction book, at least 100 pages long, that you have never read before. **Choose one question from each section below.** For each item, write a **paragraph** using complete sentences. You may choose extra items for extra credit. You should have at least four paragraphs when you are finished. Be sure to include the title and author of the book.

### APPETIZERS

- How did the cover art prepare you for the story? Describe it. Was the illustration accurate?
- Why do you think the author chose the book's title? Would you have chosen the same title? Explain your answer.
- What was the novel's setting? Describe it.
- How did the first pages of this book grab your attention and make you want to keep reading?

### MAIN DISHES

- What was the main problem in this story that the characters tried to solve? How did they solve it?
- What was the most important event in your book? Why did you choose it as most important?
- Does your novel teach a moral or lesson? What is that lesson, and how does the book teach it?
- Was this book too hard to read, too easy to read, or just right? Explain your answer.

### SIDE DISHES

- If you were able to meet one of the characters, what would you talk about? Why?
- What kind of illustrations are used in your book? How did they help tell the story? If there were no illustrations, do you think they should be added? Why or why not?
- List five words in the book that are new to you, and give definitions for them from a dictionary.
- Is there an event in this book that reminds you of something that happened to you? Compare and contrast those two events.

### DESSERTS

- If you were the author, would you have ended the story the same way, or would you end it differently? How would you end it? Why?
- What three questions would you ask the author if you could meet him or her? Why?
- Would you recommend this book to your best friend? Why or why not?
- How does this book rank compared to all the books you have read before? Is it stronger or weaker? Explain why.

### Where do I find historical fiction???

- 1) Library for free
- 2) Online for free at Gutenberg.org
- 3) Or if you prefer...search amazon.com or other bookstores
- 4) Borrow one from a friend
- 5) <http://bookgirl3.tripod.com/historicalfiction.html>
- 6) <http://lexicon.ci.anchorage.ak.us/guides/kids/booklists/historicalfiction/>
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