



Reading Challenge 2022/23



I read for pleasure
and that is the
moment I learn the
most.

Margaret Atwood

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FORM _____

ENGLISH TEACHER _____

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NAME:

Year 9 Reading Challenge 2022/23

Book 1: _____

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Book 2: _____

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Book 3: _____

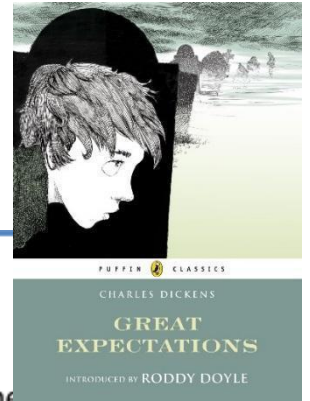
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Book 4: _____

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The Challenge



READ:

A novel

WRITE:

Produce a written journal as evidence to be signed by your English teacher. This is an opportunity to be creative and varied in your response!

STEP 1

Choose your first books carefully! (see next page for ideas)

STEP 2

Keep a reading journal.

Keep a file or notebook and make it your own.

Be creative! Include a range of responses:

Visual: mind-maps;
character sketches; front-cover
designs

Creative Language:
re-write the blurb; write a missing
chapter; character diary entries; play
script

Analytical: review the
book; compare with the film; research
the author

Year 9 Reading Challenge

Get Reading!

Where do I get a good book?

- Your local library
- Richmond library service: www.richmond.gov.uk
- Best source: friends and family!



Keep a Reading log! Keep a note of:

- The title and author
- The plot: the story line
- Describe the main characters
- Discuss where + when the book is set
- Explain the key themes of the novel
- Describe the style of the writing in the book. To do this you could select an interesting passage to read to your group
- Discuss your personal response to the book. What you liked / didn't like and whether or not you would recommend it to your group and why.

Use the guide attached to help you!

To do well in this assignment:

Keep your notes in a notebook or file

Be creative: illustrate; use graphs; collect info about the writer; write a short story/poem inspired by your book

Extension: read a range of novels and think about how they connect or how they differ.

Explore how the novel compares with others you have read

Make links between books by the same writer/ a series

Compare a book with a film

Read different genres

Challenge yourself

Above all, enjoy the experience!



Year 9 Reading Challenge Ideas

Complete a selection of these tasks and put them in your scrapbook/journal:



1. Visual: mind-maps, character sketches, front cover designs
2. Turn a section into a play script
3. Research the author
4. Write a description of the main character- his/her looks, the way he dresses, the way he talks and his personality. Find some quotes.
5. Choose a descriptive passage and make a list of examples of words and phrases used to create atmosphere. What techniques are used: similes, metaphors, alliteration...
6. Write about what the character is feeling at a particular stage in the story.
7. Predict when you're half way through, what might happen.
8. Make a list of any words you have not used before.
9. Write about your favourite part of the book and why you liked it.
10. Write a 50 word summary of the whole plot!
11. Would you recommend this book to someone or not? Explain why/why not.

Creative Ideas

- To do well in English, it is important to think about books in a creative way. For **all** of your chosen books, you must produce some creative responses to show your understanding of character, style, genre, etc.
- Ideas to consider:
 1. Designing an alternative book cover
 2. Changing from first person to third, or vice versa
 3. Rewriting a section of the book in a different genre, e.g. from romance to fantasy
 4. If the author has a distinctive style, try writing your own creative piece using that style
 5. Change the ending
 6. Create social media profiles for key characters
 7. A poem dedicated to the your chosen book
 8. A diary entry from one or two characters
 9. Design a film poster, choose a suitable cast, etc.
 10. Design a book mark based around your novel
 11. Start your own book group and devise a set of discussion topics and answers
 12. Turn a section into manga
 13. Your own ideas will be very welcome!

