

Cereal Box Book Report

Students will select a teacher-approved fiction chapter book from our classroom library, the school library, public library, or home library. The book should be over 100 pages and must be a book that you have never read. Please, make sure it is a book that is a little bit of a challenge for you. Over the next 5 weeks, students will read their self-selected book and create a cereal box book report at home. Students will decorate a real cereal box with illustrations and information related to the book they read using the directions below.

- **Books you cannot read: Winn Dixie, There is a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom, Sarah, Plain and Tall, Frindle, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, and Number the Stars.**

FRONT OF BOX: Use a piece of white or light colored paper to cover the front of your cereal box. (You will probably want to create the cover before gluing it on your box.) Include the name of the cereal and a picture. Invent a name for the cereal that is related to the title of the book and sounds like a cereal. Do not use the exact title of the book. You may want to look at the attached page of real cereal boxes to get some ideas. Choose a shape for the cereal as well as colors and ingredients that all relate to the book. For example, for Winn Dixie, you might invent a cereal called Dog Chow, a toasted oat cereal in the shape of miniature bones.

RIGHT SIDE: Make a list of ingredients that includes the story elements Characters and Setting. Under the heading "Ingredients," list the main characters and write a sentence about each one. Then describe the setting. You can use the template on the attached sheet or cover the side with white or light colored paper and do it in your own way. Just make sure you include the main characters and the setting.

LEFT SIDE: Write a summary that describes the main problem and the solution of the book. Try to use words that will "grab" readers' attention and make them want to buy your cereal. You can use the attached template or do this in your own way.

BACK OF BOX: Design a game that is based on the story. It can be a puzzle, a word

search, a word scramble, a maze, a crossword puzzle, a hidden pictures illustration, or any other fun activity that might be found on the back of a cereal box. Make sure it includes information from the book.

TOP OF BOX: Include the title, author, number of pages, and number of stars you would give this book if you were a book critic. The maximum number of stars would be 5. You can use the template or create the top of the box yourself as long as you include all of the things listed above.

PRIZE: Cereal boxes often include a prize. Your prize must be something the main character could have used in the book or something that reminds you of the main character. Include a picture of the prize on the front of your box to let the reader know what is inside the box. The toy does not actually have to be in the box. Just a picture on the front of the box.

YOUR CEREAL BOX BOOK REPORT IS DUE AT SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5.

**All templates for this cereal box book report will be available to download from my Zion website . This will be helpful for students who want to write rough drafts for the sides of their box before doing the final copies. Also, if students mess up or want to redo any section of the box, they can just print new copies from the website. If students need any glue, scissors, markers, white paper, colored paper, or construction paper from school, they are more than welcome to borrow those materials upon request.

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