

40 Book Reading Challenge

What is the 40 Book Challenge? Over the course of this school year your goal will be to read forty books! This may seem overwhelming or impossible, but do not worry. It can be done! The idea behind the challenge is to read and read lots! You will also be asked to read a variety of genres (realistic fiction, poetry, mystery, historical fiction, biography, fantasy, and informational text). This is designed to stretch you as a reader and discover some great books. Statistics show students who read on a regular basis (twenty or more minutes each night) will score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests (NWEA testing, MCA test, ACT test) whereas students who read for only five minutes score in the 50th percentile. By challenging yourself to read more, you will become smarter, too.

Genre Requirements:

- To reach the 40 book goal, you must read a variety of genres within your determined AR range and complete an AR test for each book read **independently**. An alternative assignment is available for those books that do not have an available Accelerated Reader test.
- For the **choice** selections, you may use any combination of genres.
- Any book **over 150 pages** counts as **two books** toward your final count. (*Be sure to fill in 2 game pieces on your game board.*)
- After reaching your quarterly AR goal of 100%, you no longer need to read books within your AR range.

Genre Requirements:

- 5 realistic fiction
- 5 historical fiction
- 3 fantasy
- 2 mystery
- 2 science fiction
- 1 Newberry medal
- 1 poetry
- 8 Choice
- 3 traditional literature (Myth, Legend, Folktale, Fairytale)
- 4 biography/autobiography/memoir
- 6 nonfiction-informational

Book Level: Only AR books that fall within your AR range may be used to complete this challenge.

Exception: After reaching 100% of your quarterly AR goal, you may read books outside of your AR range.

Reading Log Directions: When completing the game board, **include all of the information**, including the title of the book, book level, number of pages, number of points, and the quarter in which you read the book. Once the game board is completed, be sure to turn it into your teacher for your reward!