

Meigs Academic Magnet Middle School
2021 Summer Reading for Grades 5

This summer, students are free to choose summer reading titles based on their interests, but they should plan to read two books: (1) one novel and (2) one biography of their choice. Students should complete the activities below to demonstrate what they learned from their reading.

1. **One free choice novel:** Complete both parts 1 and 2 of the activities outlined below.

Part 1 – Complete *either* option A or option B (your choice!):

(A) Summary: Write three (3) paragraphs to retell the story in your own words, including the most important events in the story from beginning, middle, and end.

(B) Timeline: Create a timeline using a long strip of paper. Write a short description of each major event, and (if possible) try to identify the time of each event (date, season, etc.).

Part 2 – Theme Summary: Write a paragraph to explain the book's theme. What message, big idea or lesson does the author want you to take away from your reading? How do you know?

2. **One free choice biography:** Complete the *Biography Times* Newspaper activity page.

Recommendations include:

- *Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship* by Russell Freedman
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *El Deafo* by Cece Bell
- *Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir* by Margarita Engle
- *George Washington Carver: Agricultural Innovator* by Helga Schier
- *Henry Ford for Kids: His Life and Ideas, with 21 Activities* by Ronald A. Reis
- *I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World* by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick
- *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai
- *Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina - Young Readers Edition* by Misty Copeland
- *The Life of George Washington Carver: Inventor and Scientist* by Barbara Kramer
- *March: Book One* by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
- *Maya Lin: Thinking with Her Hands* by Susan Goldman Rubin
- *No Summit out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Mountains* by Jordan Romero and Linda LeBlanc
- *The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery* by Steve Sheinkin
- *Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different: A Biography* by Karen Blumenthal
- *Strong Inside (Young Readers Edition): The True Story of How Perry Wallace Broke College Basketball's Color Line* by Andrew Maraniss
- *Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World* by Sy Montgomery
- *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March* by Lynda Blackmon Lowery
- *Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin
- *Becoming Madeleine: A Biography of the Author of A Wrinkle in Time by Her Granddaughters* by Charlotte Jones Voiklis and Léna Roy