

## **Grade 5 Summer Reading Assignment**

**After reading your Mystery Book Choice, please complete one of these assignments. This assignment will be graded as one project and one quiz grade.**

### **Character Scrapbook**

Materials: stapler, scissors, glue, magazines you can cut up, colored pencils or markers

Steps:

1. Fold four sheets of plain paper together in half horizontally.  
Then staple them along the fold to make a book.
2. On the front cover of your book, write the title: “\_\_\_\_\_ (main character’s name) Scrapbook.” Decorate the cover to match the main character’s style.
3. Open to the first page and draw a portrait of the main character. Write the character’s name.
4. On the remaining pages, draw pictures or find pictures from magazines of items that relate to the character.
5. Glue the pictures into the book or color the pictures you have drawn.
6. Add captions to the pictures that tell how they relate to the character.
7. Staple the pages and the cover together.

### **Clue Journal**

Materials: small sheet of construction paper, colored pencils or markers, stapler

Steps:

1. Create a clue journal for your mystery. Start by using the construction paper to design a cover for the journal. Be sure it includes the book’s title and the author’s name.
2. On the first page, write a few sentences identifying the problem in the story.
3. As you read your novel, record any clues that are introduced, one per page. Be sure to include the page number on which the clue appears.
4. After you record a clue, tell whether you think it is important to the story and explain why.
5. When you get to the second-to-last chapter, make a prediction about who you think committed the crime. Label this page “Final Prediction.”
6. On the last page of the journal, tell who committed the crime and whether your prediction was right or wrong.
7. Staple the pages and cover together to form book.

## **Character Cards**

Materials: 5-by-8 index, colored pencils or markers

Steps:

1. Make a list of the characters.
2. Circle the characters that are most important to the story. (Even a character that seems to have a small part might be very important in the end.)
3. Make a character card for each of the characters you circled. (You should make at least five cards.)

On one side of the index card, draw and color a picture of the character. Neatly write the character's name below or above your picture.

On the back of each card, include the following information. You may need to look up some of this information in your book.

- Name and appropriate age
- Home
- Occupation (job)
- Physical description (what the character looks like)
- Role in the story (how the character is involved in the mystery)
- Suspicious or unusual behavior