

2018-2019



Independent Reading Performance Task

English 9

Expectations



Read

Read **as many different kinds of texts as possible**. You can choose fiction, non-fiction, science fiction, historical fiction, biography, memoir, graphic novels . . . the options are almost endless. You are never done reading!



Reflect

Each week, **complete the reader response practice task** in Google Classroom. These assignments will help you gather evidence and practice the close-observation and analysis skills you will need for the performance task.

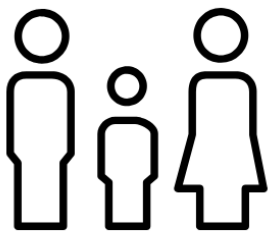


Write

At the end of each trimester, you will complete an **Independent Reading Performance Task**. The IRPT is a multi-paragraph analysis of your chosen text utilizing at least one of the key concepts from the trimester (character analysis, language usage, etc.) You will need to incorporate and correctly cite textual evidence. We will provide a more comprehensive description of the task at the end of the trimester.

**minimum
requirement**

**Read at least
one book per
trimester.**



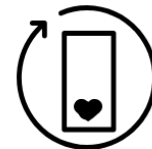
I certify that a responsible adult in my household is committed to encouraging me to read.

Questions to consider



What makes a book "good"?

Ultimately, the best book for you is one that is engaging and that pushes your thinking. Do you want to read it? Does it make you think?



Have you read the book before?

While a favorite book is like an old friend, sometimes it's good to meet new ones! Consider another book by the same author, a book about a similar topic in a different genre, or a book in the same genre about a different topic.



Does it help you to learn something about yourself or the world?

The best books help us to expand our understanding of ourselves and the world around us.



Does it broaden your understanding of the human experience?

Reading about those whose experience is different than yours helps you to develop empathy and understanding for others.



Is the book challenging enough?

Another benefit of reading is that it expands our vocabulary. The perfect book should contain words that are brand new to you. However, a book might be **too challenging** if there are more than five words on each page that you don't understand.



Do you want to talk about it?

Just like our favorite movies, video games, and tv shows, a good book should be something we want to talk about. Does the story or the ideas make you excited to tell a friend or family member about what you are reading?

Student Signature

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