



## March 13, 2017 ONLINE BOOK REPORT TIPS FOR SUCCESS



Your student has received an assignment to complete a book report and send it to me electronically.  
It is due no later than April 10, 2017.

Complete directions and book report question prompts are found on my web site:  
[www.mrsdingman.com](http://www.mrsdingman.com) (click Book Reports under "Favorite Links")

Please review the tips below with your student:

### \* Plan your time wisely

Your student has 4 weeks to complete the assignment. The reading or the writing of the report should not be crammed into a few days before the assignment is due. Waiting until the last minute is never a good idea.

### \* Choose a book wisely

For an online book report assignment that encourages free choice in reading material, students should be selecting something they enjoy; a favorite author or a favorite type of book should be guiding their selection. Choosing a book by its thickness or Reading Counts points assigned to it should NEVER be guiding a selection.

### \* Scholastic Reading Counts

Students are expected to check for quiz availability BEFORE beginning the reading. Checking for quiz availability may be done online. NO CREDIT may be earned for a book report unless the Reading Counts quiz has been taken and passed.

**NOTE:** The Reading Counts quiz for the online book report may NOT be taken any earlier than the day the book report was assigned and NO later than the day the online book report is due.

### \* Sending the Book Report Electronically

Book reports not turned in using the "Submit" button on my web site to electronically turn in the assignment by the assigned due date will earn a zero, unless there are special or unusual circumstances. I will only consider an extension of the due date with a written note from a parent/guardian. Again, waiting until the last minute is never a good idea.

### \* Preparing the Book Report

Your student should hand-write or use Word to type the book report, responding to each prompt BEFORE entering the information on my web site's Online Book Report page to turn the assignment in to me electronically. I will demonstrate how to Copy and Paste, using Word, in our classroom. The question prompts are shown on the reverse side.

### \* Organizing the Writing

When a question states your student should explain why he/she chose a certain part of the book, or why he/she would recommend the book to another student, it is NOT enough to simply state... "I chose this part because it was funny" or "I would recommend this book to someone else to read because it was interesting". Your student needs to explain the "why" of the "why", going on to explain specifically why that part was funny or interesting.

### \* Spelling and Grammar

Using "i" for "I" or "u" for "you" is fine when your student is texting/emailing a friend. It is not fine for a school report. Please don't make corrections/changes for your student, other than help with spelling. Rather, asking your student to read an answer section aloud when an error is present, and slowing down your student's reading rate, will probably allow your student to catch and correct the mistake all on his/her own.