

Independent Reading Contract

Term: _____

Students are encouraged to read any books they choose. Students may earn points for independent reading in three ways: (1) Pass Accelerated Reader tests, (2) Write book reports following the approved format and have a conference with the teacher about the books, (3) Complete a combination of AR tests *and* book reports. Because these options allow for complete freedom of choice in reading, and because students have a 25-minute silent reading period *during the school day*, earning the required reading points is not an impossible or unreasonable expectation for any student. Check your selection below and fill out the rest of the contract.

‘ Option 1: Accelerated Reader ‘ Option 2: Book Reports ‘ Option 3: AR & Book Reports

I, _____, will read the following book(s) this term:
(student name)

Title of Novel	Author	Reading Level*	Point Value*

If you are reading more than three novels this term, attach a list of the others and check here: ‘ .

By signing this contract, I am promising that

- I will earn my Independent Reading points honestly and without help (i.e., no cheating);
- I have chosen the books based on my own reading ability and interest.

By signing this contract, I affirm that I understand the following:

- It is strongly recommended that students read novels that fall within their own reading range.
- I may earn Independent Reading points only on the books listed above.
- Points I earn from reading books other than those listed will not be included in my term grade.
- Accelerated Reader tests may only be taken once, regardless of the score I receive.
- Any changes made to this contract must be completed before midterm and must include a parent signature and date.
- Independent Reading points will account for **20% of the term grade**. To receive full reading points for the term, the requirements are as follows:
 - **7th Grade: 20 Independent Reading points per term**
 - **8th Grade: 25 Independent Reading points per term**
 - **9th Grade: 30 Independent Reading points per term**
- Independent Reading points will not be figured into my grade until the last week of the term.
- Any form of cheating or deception with Independent Reading will result in loss of all reading points for the term and a “U” citizenship grade.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parents: Please sign below to indicate that you have seen this contract and approved your student’s choice of book(s) for the term. If you have any questions about this contract, please contact the teacher. Thank you!

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

*Reading Level and Point Value can be determined by looking at the Accelerated Reader list. If the book is not on the AR list, see your teacher for a handout on how to calculate the reading level and point value of the book.

Please sign and return this contract to the teacher by _____.