

Grade 5th 2026 Summer Reading Assignment:

Main Assignment: During the summer, students are expected to read *Tuck Everlasting*. We will discuss the novel the first week of school in September. Each student is to write 3 paragraphs in which he/she presents a summary, discusses the main characters, and opinion of the book *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt.

Suggested Outline: Main Assignment

Paragraph 1: Summary of book. Please be sure to discuss the main parts of the book from beginning to end. (5-8 sentences)

Paragraph 2: Discuss the main characters in the book. Please be sure to discuss the main characters actions, how other characters feel about them, and if they are a villain or hero within the story. (5-8 sentences)

Paragraph 3: After reading *Tuck Everlasting*, write about your opinion of the book. What did you like or not like about the book? Would you change anything about it? (5-8 sentences)

2. Second Assignment:

Then the student may choose another novel from the list below and then write a summary of the novel and be ready to share their thoughts on it. Each assignment needs to be typed.

Suggested Outline for Second Assignment:

Paragraph 1: Discuss what the book was about, write a blurb that would describe perfectly to a reader what topic they are about to read about.

Paragraph 2: Discuss the plot of the book, and how the main character(s) help to solve an issue or problem that is occurring in the book.

Paragraph 3: Discuss the ending of the book, how were any problems or issues resolved?

After you finish *Tuck Everlasting*, please create your own MUSIC BOX as your summer project. Be creative and fun!!

Grade 5 Recommended Summer Reading List:

Fiction:

***Skullduggery Pleasant* by Derek Landry**

***The Schwa Was Here* by Neal Shusterman**

***Homecoming* by Cynthia Voight**

***My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George**

***Nothing but the Truth* by Avi**

***The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett**

***Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick**

Recommended Science Fiction and Fantasy:

***The Eye, the Ear, and the Arm* by Nancy Farmer**

***Half Magic* by Edward Eager**

***The Name of this Book Is Secret* by Pseudonymous Bosch**

Recommended Historical Fiction:

***Bull Run* by Paul Fleischman**

***Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse**

Recommended Nonfiction:

***The Dark Game: True Spy Stories* by Paul B. Janecko**

***Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science* by John Fleischman**

***The Tarantula in My Purse and 172 Other Wild Pets* by Jean Craighead**

***George Arab Science and Invention in the Golden Age* by Anne Blanchard**

***Can I See Your ID? True Stories of False Identities* by Chris Barton**

***The Word Snoop* by Ursula Dubosarsky**

Recommended Biography/Memoir:

***Gorilla Mountain: The Story of Wildlife Biologist, Amy Vedder* by Rene Ebersole**

***Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip M Hoose**

***The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* by Peter Sis**

***Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* by Russell Freedman**

***Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement* by Ann Bausum**