

SANKOFA FREEDOM ACADEMY K – 5 SCHOLARS SUMMER READING DIRECTIONS

The following is the required summer reading for Sankofa Freedom Academy scholars. Please refer to the grade level your child will be entering in September, 2017 for the appropriate assigned books.

There are three mandatory books for each grade level. In addition, you are to select two other books for a total of five. Therefore your Reading Journal should include five entries. Each entry should correspond to one of the books you have read. Choose an activity for each book from the list below. You should choose a different activity for each book. Use the format below to guide your journal writing.

Reading Journal _____

Scholars Name _____

Book Title _____

Author _____

Choose any activity from the list below to complete for each book read:

- a) Write a letter to a friend and tell why he or she should not miss this book.
- b) Write about an exciting part from your book and end with, "Read and find out more!"
- c) Divide paper in thirds. Tell something from the beginning, middle & end of your book.
- d) Choose one character and write five sentences describing him or her.
- e) Tell five new facts you learned from a non-fiction book.
- f) Tell something funny that happened in your story.
- g) Tell something that surprised you in your book.
- h) Choose a scene or character from the book and illustrate it.
- i) Tell another way the book might end.
- j) Write a note to the author of the book.
- k) Choose a character and write 4-5 questions you would like to ask him or her.
- l) Give three reasons why you liked the book.

*Fifth grade students should select their favorite story and write a persuasive essay to convince the antagonists (villain) how and why they should change their ways: (Use examples from the story.)

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*** Mandatory Reading

Choose at least 3 for assignments

Kindergarten

***Africa Dream by Eloise Greenfield

***The Night Before Kindergarten by Natasha Wing

***I love My Hair by Natasha Anatasia Tarpley

Why the Sky is Far Away? A Nigerian Folktale, by Mary-Joan Gerson

Wonders: The Best Children's Poems of Effie Lee Newsome

Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats

Moja Means One: Swahili Counting Book, Tom & Muriel Feelings

Nobody Owns the Sky, by Reeve Lindbergh

At the Crossroads, by Rachel Isadora

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

Queen of the Scene by Queen Latifah

Miss Tizzy – Libba Moore Gray

First Grade

***I Lost My Tooth In Afrika –Wague and Penda Diakite

***Papa do you love me, by Barbara M. Josse

***Hewitt Anderson's Great Big Life Eric Velasquez

David, No David, by David Shannon

To Be A Drum, by Evelyn Coleman

Ellington Was Not A Street by Ntozake Shange

***My Very Own Room by Amanda Irma Perez

It's Okay to Be Different, by Todd Parr

Rum a Tum Tum, by Angela Shelf Medearis

Let it Shine by Bryan Ashley

Just the Two of Us by Will Smith

Second Grade

***Jazzy Miz Mozetta, by Brenda Roberts

Mercy Watson Fights Crime, by Kate DiCamillo

Black Beauty by Anna Sewel

Hewitt Anderson's Great Big Life by Jerdin Nolen

Follow The Drinking Gourd, by Jeannette Winter

Coming Home Soon, by Jacqueline Woodson

***Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, by John Steptoe

Max, The Stubborn Little Wolf, by Marie OdileJudes

***Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

Stellaluna by Janell Cannon

Grandpa, is Everything Black Bad?, by Sandy L. Coleman

Rock of Ages, by Tonya Bolden

Book Fiesta by Pat Mora

*** Dancing in the Wings, by Debbie Allen

Third Grade

***I love Saturday & Domingos by Ada Flor Alma

***Barack, by Jonah Winter

The Day Go Went to Vote, by Elinor Batezat Sisulu

Judy Moody M.D. the Dr. is In by Meagan McDonald

An Enchanted Hair Tale, Harper & Row Publications

Me and Uncle Romie, by Claire Hartfield

Brothers of the Knight, by Debbie Allen

Getting Through Thursday, by Melrose Cooper

Lunch Money, by Andrew Clements

A Sweet Smell of Roses by Angela Johnson

Sister Magic by Anne Mazer

Spin a Soft Black Song, Nikki Giovanni (Poetry)

Smoky Night, by Eve Bunting

The Village that Vanished, by Ann Grifalconi

Clever Ali, by Nancy Farmer

Fourth Grade

***Creativity – John Steptoe

***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Bloom

***Something Upstairs, by Avi

Tamika and The Wisdom Rings, by Camille Yarbrough

I've Seen the Promise Land, by Walter Dean Myers

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Corre

Mr. Chickee's Funny Money, by Christopher Paul Curtis

Major Taylor, Champion Cyclist, by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Malcolm X: A Fire Burning Brightly, by Walter Dean Myers

Yatandou, by Gloria Whelan

The Watsons Go To Birmingham-1963

Island of the Blue Dolphins, by Scott O'Dell

Fifth Grade

***The Road to Memphis, by Midred D. Taylor

***Locomotion, by Jacqueline Woodson

***Maniac Magee, by Jerry Spinelli

Call Me Maria, Judith Ortiz Cofer

Freedom Train, The Story of Harriet Tubman

11 Birthdays, Wendy Mass

Dear Mr. Henshaw, Beverly Cleary

Freedom Train, The Story of Harriet Tubman

Walls of Cartagena, Julia Durango

My One hundred adventures, Polly Horath

The Land, Mildred Taylor

Maniac Magee, Jerry Spinelli

REMEMBER: 3 Mandatory + 2 Optional = 5 Required Readings