



Rising 5th Grade

Reading Requirements and Recommendations

Two Required Books:

1. Behind Rebel Lines by Seymour Reit
*Please see attached Guide Sheet for this book.
2. Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Discussions and activities for both books will take place at the beginning of the school year.

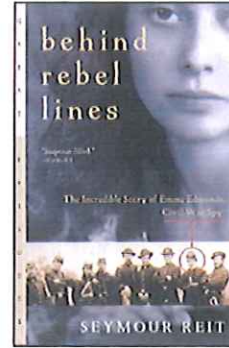
Two Books of Your Choice:

Your other two books can be books of your choice on your reading level. If you are looking for something new, some suggested series, authors, and genres are listed below.

Recommended Series	Recommended Authors	Recommended Genres
<u>Julie of the Wolves</u> by Jean Craighead George	National Geographic Kids	Poetry
<u>Percy Jackson and the Olympian</u> by Rick Riordan	Michael Morpurgo	Historical Fiction
<u>The Land of Stories</u> by Chris Colfer	Mike Lupica	Realistic Fiction
<u>The Shadow Children and The Missing Series</u> by Margaret Peterson Haddix	Sheila Turnage	Mystery
<u>Harry Potter Series</u> by J K Rowling	Mildred Taylor	Fantasy
<u>Dear America</u>	Jerry Spinelli	Biography
<u>Theodore Boone</u> by John Grisham	Avi	Autobiography
	Any nonfiction book of interest	Non Fiction
	Any <u>Great Illustrated Classics</u> Abridged Novel	Science Fiction

Record all books you read on your Summer Reading Log!

Reading Guide
for
Behind Rebel Lines
By Seymour Reit



Important Note to Parents and Students:

This may not be a novel that your child needs to read completely independently. You may want to do routine check-ins or read it with them. There is no project associated with this. All discussions will be done in class when we return to school in August. Please feel free to email me over the summer with any questions you may have: baustin@brightschool.com.

Our fifth grade curriculum includes four historical events: The Civil War, Reconstruction, World War I, and World War II. An introduction to each of these time periods will be provided for students and information will be presented through various mediums, such as novels. It is important for students to learn the skill of perspective, so many of the novels we read in fifth grade show opposing points of view. For example, *Behind Rebel Lines* is told from a Northern perspective during the Civil War. It is based on the true-life character of Emma Edmonds, a woman so desperate to be a part of something she believed in that she disguised herself as a man in order to fight.

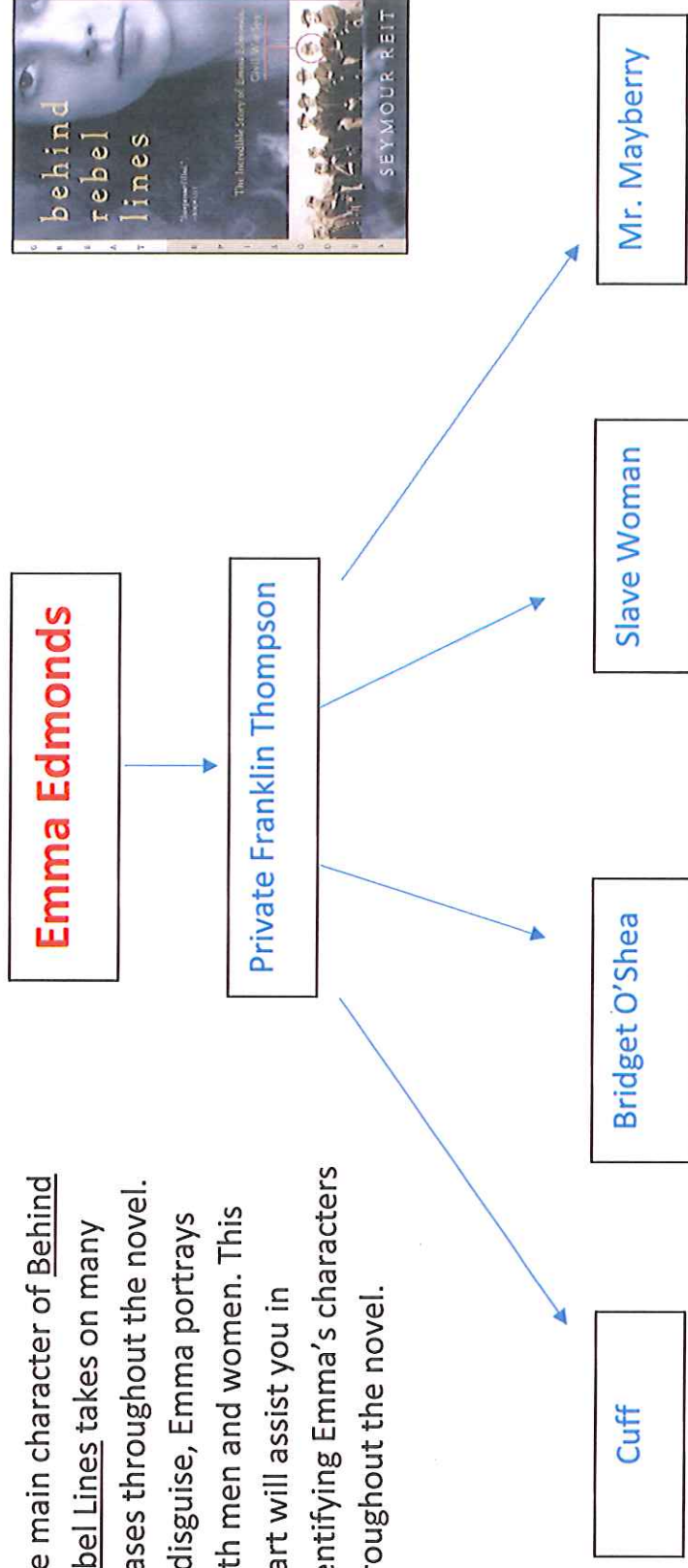
I encourage students to read the book carefully. It can be somewhat confusing at times because her disguises change throughout the novel. I have included a flow chart to show you the different characters Emma plays. Stop and ask yourself as you read, "Who was that about or what character is Emma playing now?" and "What is going on?" If you are confused or can't answer these questions, it is a good idea to reread.

I absolutely love this book and the lessons it teaches. It will be worth the extra time and effort it may take to read.

Happy Summer Reading!

Mrs. Austin

The main character of Behind Rebel Lines takes on many aliases throughout the novel. In disguise, Emma portrays both men and women. This chart will assist you in identifying Emma's characters throughout the novel.



Character Description: Writing down a short description of each character will help keep them fresh in your mind.

Franklin Thompson _____

Cuff _____

Bridget O'Shea _____

Slave Woman _____

Mr. Mayberry _____










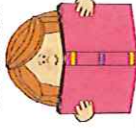












4th and 5th Grade READING BINGO



Use this Reading Bingo card to make reading fun for the summer!

Complete one column or go for bingo blackout! Mark your completed squares with your parent's initials.

Read a Newbery Book. 	Read a magazine. 	Read a mystery. 	Listen to an audiobook. 	Illustrate a book cover. 
Write a friend about the story you read. 	Read two picture books to your sibling or parent. 	Read a nonfiction book. 	Read a fantasy book. 	Read a book by your favorite author. 
Read a short story. 	Read a comic book or graphic novel. 	Write a postcard, giving a book recommendation. 	Read a book of poetry. 	Read a historical fiction book. 
Read a biography. 	Read a book outside. 	Read a book you got at the library. 	Read a book with a red, white, or blue cover. 	Read a book you wrote yourself. 



Summer Reading Log

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Introducing Two NEW Tools for Rising 3rd-5th Graders!

Students will receive login information and learn how to use this online program during the month of May. Here is a sneak-peek of what DreamBox will provide.



DreamBox Learning Math is an online K-8 math program designed to meet students where they are and strengthen fundamental math skills.

Meets Every Child at Appropriate Skill Level!

Driven by Intelligent Adaptive Learning™ technology, DreamBox adapts to students' actions to meet them at the right level—with personalized instruction that promotes student decision making and strategy development.

Makes Math Relevant and Closes Skill Gaps!

An engaging, game-like environment motivates students to progress and achieve success! DreamBox promotes student growth and deepens conceptual understanding by encouraging different pathways to solving problems.

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Audiobooks help children learn to enjoy literature and build a diverse knowledge base. This powerful tool improves reading comprehension, boosts confidence, and helps foster motivation and a natural love of stories.















How to Sign Up

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Technology Resources for Summer Skills Fun

<p>Awesome Apps for Math Review</p>	<p>Great Websites for Math Fact Practice</p>	<p>Amazing Apps for Language Arts Review</p>	<p>Wonderful Websites for Language Arts Practice</p>
 <p>Todo Math K-1st grade</p>	 <p>www.mathplayground.com 3rd-5th grade</p>	 <p>Endless Reader & Endless Wordplay K-1st grade</p>	 <p>https://www.funbrain.com K-5th grade</p>
 <p>Splash Math K-5th grade</p>	 <p>http://www.playkidsgames.com/games/mathfact/mathFact.htm 1st-5th grade</p>	 <p>Kids A-Z K- 2nd grade</p>	 <p>http://www.abcya.com K-5th grade</p>
 <p>Math Ninja 2nd 5th grade</p>	 <p>http://www.mathfactcafe.com 1st-5th grade</p>	 <p>Word Connex K- 3rd grade</p>	 <p>https://www.ixl.com/ela K-5th grade</p>
 <p>Thinking Blocks 3rd-5th grade</p>		 <p>Rocket Speller 1st-5th grade</p>	