

Grades 6-8 Science Summer Assignment 2019-2020

Students are required to select one (1) book from the list below and write a four (4) paragraph book report (typed). The book report must mention how topics covered in the book can be used to design a science fair project.

The Book Report is due to your Science teacher by Friday August 23, 2019.

<p><b>Option 1:</b> <b>Chicken Boy by Dowell, Frances O’Roark</b> 2005. 208p. Simon &amp; Schuster/Atheneum, \$5.99 Amazon <i>When 12-year-old Tobin raises chickens for extra credit in science class, he finds the discipline needed to complete the project and gains insights that help him deal with the problems in his life.</i></p>	<p><b>Option 2:</b> <b>Ninjas, Piranhas, and Galileo by Smith, Greg Leitich.</b> 2003. 192p. Little, Brown, \$2.99 Used Amazon <i>In this hilarious story, three best friends from a Chicago magnet school enter the science fair. One student tries to teach piranhas to prefer bananas, while the other two copy an experiment in which plants grow better when exposed to baroque music.</i></p>
<p><b>Option 3:</b> <b>Matilda Bone by Cushman, Karen.</b> 2000. 176p. Clarion, \$0.98 Used Amazon <i>An orphaned girl is apprenticed to Peg the Bonesetter and gets an up-close view of medieval English medicine.</i></p>	<p><b>Option 4:</b> <b>Mind Games by Grunwell, Jeanne Marie.</b> 2003. 144p. Houghton, \$4.08 Used Amazon <i>Six middle-school science club members design and carry out an experiment to prove whether or not ESP exists. Told in alternating chapters by each of the six students, this story entertains and informs.</i></p>
<p><b>Option 5:</b> <b>Flush by Hiaasen, Carl.</b> 2005. 272p. Knopf, \$2.38 Amazon <i>Noah and his sister, Abbey, investigate a floating casino whose owners they suspect of dumping raw sewage into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.</i></p>	<p><b>Option 6:</b> <b>The Same Stuff as Stars by Paterson, Katherine.</b> 2002. 256p. Clarion, \$1.99 Used Amazon <i>After being abandoned by her mother to live with her great-grandmother, 11-year-old Angel takes comfort from the astronomy she learns from her uncle.</i></p>
<p><b>Option 7:</b> <b>Life as We Knew It by Pfeffer, Susan Beth.</b> 2006. 352p. Harcourt, \$6.88 Amazon <i>After a meteor hits the moon and disrupts life across the planet, 16-year-old Miranda and her family in rural Pennsylvania struggle to survive in a world where food, warmth, and well-being have vanished.</i></p>	