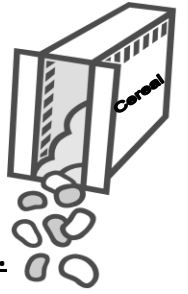


Cereal Box Book Report



This month's book report will be on a student selected fantasy book. Over the next month, students will read their book and create a cereal box book report at home. Student will decorate a real cereal box with illustrations and information related to the book they are reading using the directions below. **YOUR BOOK REPORT IS DUE ON YOUR SPEAKING DAY THE WEEK OF MAY 23-27.**

FRONT OF THE BOX: Use a piece of white or light colored paper to cover the front of your cereal box. (You will probably want to create the cover before gluing it on your box.) Include the name of the cereal and a picture. Invent a name for the cereal that is related to the title of the book and sounds like a cereal. Do not use the exact title of the book. You may want to look at some real cereal boxes to get some ideas. Choose a shape for the cereal as well as colors and ingredients that all relate to the book. For example, for Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, you might invent a cereal called Wizard Wands, a toasted oat cereal in the shape of miniature lightning bolts.

RIGHT SIDE OF BOX: Make a list of ingredients that includes the story elements Characters and Setting. Under the heading "Ingredients," list the main characters and write a sentence about each one. Then describe the setting. You can use the template on the attached sheet or cover the side with white or light colored paper and do it in your own way. Just make sure you include the main character and the setting.

LEFT SIDE OF BOX: Write a summary that describes the main problem and the solution of the book. Try words that will "grab" readers' attention and make them want to buy your cereal. You can use the attached template or do this your own way.

BACK OF BOX: Design a game that is based on the story. It can be a puzzle, a word search, a word scramble, a maze, a crossword puzzle, a hidden picture illustration, or any other fun activity that might be found on the back of a cereal box. Make sure it includes information from the book.

TOP OF BOX: Include the title, author, number of pages, and number of stars you would give this book if you were a book critic. The maximum number of stars you would be 5. You can use the template or create the top of the box yourself as long as you include all of the things listed above.

PRIZE: Cereal boxes often include a prize. Your prize must be something the main character could have used in the book or something that reminds you of the main character. You can even include a picture of the prize on the front of your box to let the reader know what is inside the box.

ORAL PRESENTATION: The oral presentations will be the week of May 24-27. Your presentation will be a 30-60 second television commercial. Practice your commercial to make sure of the wording and the timing. Do not just encourage the audience by using opinion words (exciting, great, interesting, best, good, etc.), but also by featuring elements of the book- scenes, facts, etc. Be dynamic and try to convince the audience to buy the cereal whether you liked the book or not. Optional: Be a character from the book when you present your commercial.


*All templates for this cereal box book report are available on our class website. This will be helpful for students who want to write rough drafts for the sides of their box before doing the final copies. Also, if students mess up or want to redo any section of the box, they can just print new copies from the website. If students need any glue, scissors, markers, white paper, colored paper, or construction paper from school, they are more than welcome to borrow those materials upon request. (Thank you to Beth Newingham of the Troy School District for sharing this great project!)

Cereal Box Book Report Templates

Left Side of Box: Cut out this box and place in on the right side of your cereal box.






Write a summary that describes the main problem and how the problem was solved. Try to use words that will “grab

Summary of Book:

Top of 
Box: Cut out
this box and
place in on the
top of your

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____ # of Pages: _____

Rating:     

Right Side of Box

Cut out this box and place in on the right side of your cereal box.



Characters:

List the main characters and write a sentence about each one. For example, if you were using the story "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," you might include the following characters:

Charlie Bucket: *He is a poor boy who finds the last golden ticket and wins a trip to Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory.*

Willy Wonka: *He is the lively owner of the chocolate factory who allows six children and a member of their family to spend a day at his magical factory.*

Setting:

Use complete sentences to tell where the story takes place. You may find that there is more than one setting in the story. For example, if you were using the story "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," you might write:

The beginning of the story takes place in Charlie Bucket's very small house that he shares with his large family. Once Charlie finds the golden ticket and wins the contest, the rest of the story takes place in Willy Wonka's amazing chocolate factory.

INGREDIENTS

CHARACTERS:

SETTING:
