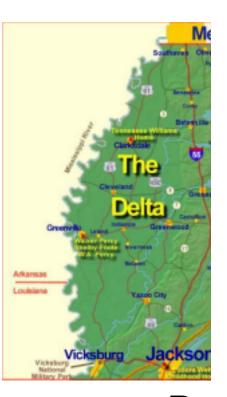
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21/22 Reading Fair

Pre-Kindergarten – Twelfth Grade Student Guidelines

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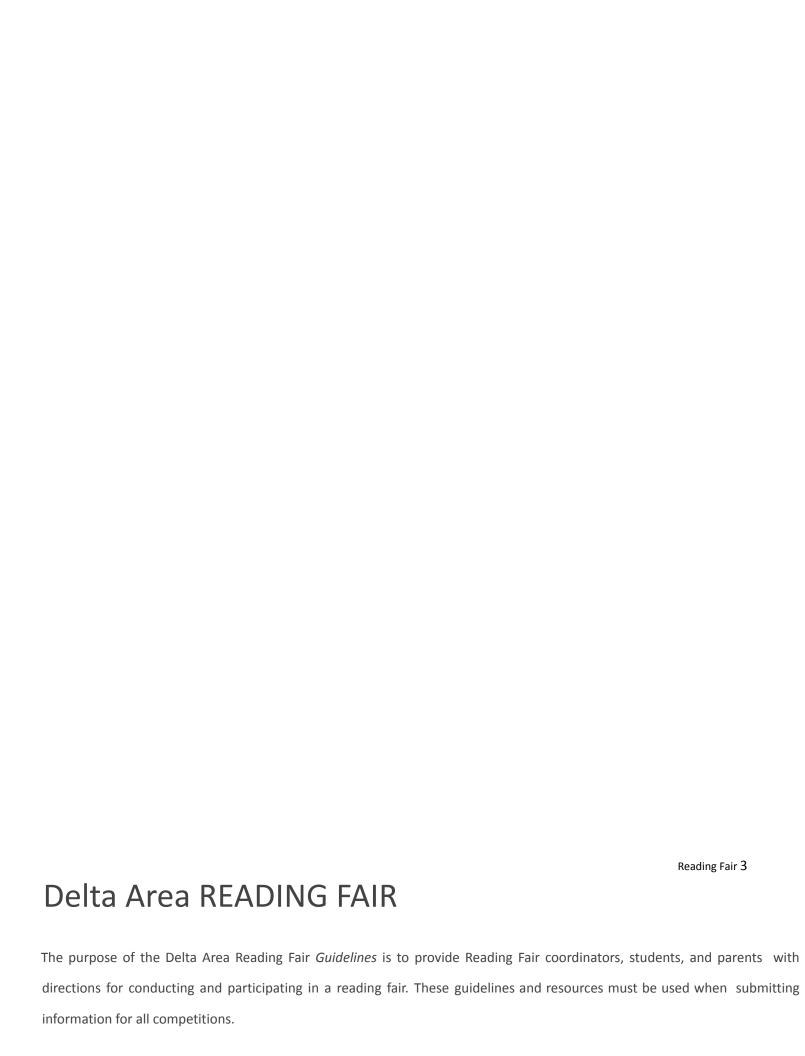
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This document includes:

- alignment to the College-and Career-Ready Standards,
- guidelines for creating award-winning literary competition projects, and explanation of categories.

PURPOSE AND MS CCRS CONNECTIONS

The purpose of the competition is to provide students in grades PreK-12 the opportunity to share their favorite fictional, nonfiction narrative, or informational book through a storyboard or digital media display. With the implementation of the Mississippi College-and Career-Readiness Standards (MS CCRS) for English Language Arts, World Languages, Visual Arts, and Early Childhood, an emphasis has been placed on student mastery of the skills and concepts necessary to read complex texts at each grade level, write texts using evidence, and create presentations that demonstrate imagination and effective use of various materials to express ideas. MS CCRS also places value on reading both literary and informational texts. In support of the MS CCRS, the goal of the Delta Area Reading Fair is to enhance and encourage reading at all grade levels and to allow students to collaborate with their peers. As a result of participating in this process, students will experience a deeper enjoyment from reading and develop a lifelong love of reading.

There are three levels of competition: Level 1 - School, Level 2 - District, Level 3 - Regional.

Only first place winners in each division proceed to the next round of competition. Over 1,400 students compete regionally each year. This is significant because these students represent the several thousands of students who compete at both the school and district levels. DAAIS strives to motivate all students to read as they soar towards excellence.

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READING FAIR CATEGORIES FAMILY

Literary Fiction Categories

Grades	Division	Presentation Type
Grades PreK-K	Division A	Storyboard
Grades 1-2	Division B	Storyboard

NOTE: Family division projects should portray a book appropriate to the age of the student(s). The student(s) should be very knowledgeable about the book's story elements and should have an active part in the construction of the display.



Grades	Division	Presentation Type
Grade 3	Division C	Storyboard
Grades 4-5	Division D	Storyboard
Grades 6-8	Division E	Storyboard or Digital Media
Grades 9-12	Division F	Storyboard or Digital Media

NOTE: Division E and F can choose between Storyboard or Digital Media Presentation.

INDIVIDUAL

Informational Nonfiction Texts Categories

Grades	Division	Presentation Type
Grades 3-5	Division G	Storyboard
Grades 6-8	Division H	Storyboard or Digital Media
Grades 9-12	Division I	Storyboard or Digital Media

NOTE: Division H and I can choose between Storyboard or Digital Media Presentation.

GROUP

Literary Fiction Categories

Grades	Division	Presentation Type
Grades 3-5	Division J	Storyboard
Grades 6-8	Division K	Storyboard or Digital Media
Grades 9-12	Division L	Storyboard or Digital Media

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NOTE: Only 2 to 3 students in a group. If a group project has students in various grades, the project should be placed in the division of the oldest student. This does not include class projects. Division K and L can choose between Storyboard Digital Media Presentation.

READING FAIR CATEGORIES

• Students in grades 3-12 have the opportunity to share their favorite nonfiction book. All students deciding to do so are to

compete in the Individual Divisions, within their specified grade group (Divisions G-I). All other entries should only represent **Literary Fiction** books.

NOTE: Remember the school's librarian is an excellent resource for determining if the book selected is indeed fictional. **BOOKS DO NOT HAVE TO BE ON READING LEVEL. STUDENTS HAVE FREE CHOICE IN SELECTING A BOOK FOR THE READING FAIR.**

Group/Family Division projects should portray a book appropriate to the age of the student(s). The student(s) should be
very knowledgeable about the book's story elements and should have an active part in the construction of the display.
 Family and Group Divisions will be judged closely on whether the project shows work appropriate for the age level of
the student.

NOTE: Each student is limited to participating in only one project. Each Group Division project must have 2 to 3 students. If a group project has students in various grades, the project should be placed in the division of the oldest student. The projects should reflect the creative and originality of the students in the group.

• English Language Learners can create bilingual presentations to represent their native language as well as English. Each

presentation element must be English for judging. Elements not points deducted.

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STORYBOARD PROJECTS

<u>Size</u>

 A standard tri-fold project board be approximately 36" H x 48" W.

NOTE: Boards that do not meet the will be disqualified, **even if they level competition.**



48 inches when flat

Display/Safety

- Use the checklists as a guide for creating the project.
- Identifying information (name of the student(s), category and division, student's grade level, homeroom teacher's name, school and district name) **should be labeled on the back of the storyboard**. If any identifying information is placed on the front of the storyboard, the project will be disqualified.

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- Only students may present the projects during the judging even for the family projects. If a student needs an accommodation, please submit the **Accommodations Form** for additional adult supervision.
- Storyboards should be colorful and interesting. Models, shadow boxes, and illustrations that *fit in the middle of the display* are allowed. The total project should meet the required the width, depth or height of the standing display board (approximately 36" W x 14" D x 36" H of table space). There cannot be items protruding from the back or top of the board.
- No items should hang over the edge of the table or be placed on the floor. However, students may hold or wear items that coordinate with the project, if desired. Items used for the project are not to be alive, valuable, or dangerous, including dry ice.

• Items on the project board may be handwritten or typed. Younger students may require assistance in writing, typing, spelling, cutting, etc. This is permissible and part of the learning process. See **Divisions A, B, J, K, and L** regarding Family and Group Divisions.

NOTE: Storyboard content should match the age, grade level, and ability of the students presenting the project. Students do not have to bring or display the book during the competition.

- Students and teachers are encouraged to accompany their projects throughout all levels of competition; however, the student's presence is not required. All projects will be fairly judged regardless of the student's attendance.
- Projects must be able to withstand several levels of competitions to prevent the student from rebuilding the project at each level. The intent of this competition is for the same project to be judged at different levels.
- Electrical cords are not allowed at any level of competition due to the potential danger they pose in the aisles.
- No food or drinks can be used with the projects. Empty packages may be used as part of the display or on the display board.

DIGITAL MEDIA PROJECTS

In a continued effort to bring technology to the classroom, the Reading Fair will feature digital presentations. Only **Divisions E, F, H, I, K, and L** can present Digital Media Projects.

- Students can create digital presentations using PowerPoint, Google Slide, or presentation format of their choice.
- Students must provide their own iPad or laptop computer. Device should be charged and cannot be plugged in during judging.
- Maximum time limit: 3 minutes.
- Any materials that are deemed copyrighted book covers or Internet images must give credit to the creator or source.

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- Project is to be written in the student's own words and information has not be directly copied or plagiarized from any source.
- Digital Project must contain the same elements as the Storyboard Project.

READING FAIR LEVELS

- •The Reading Fair will be divided into 4 levels: Level 1 School; Level 2 District; Level 3 Regional.
- •ONLY the first place winner of each division will advance to the next level. Winners are NOT based on grade levels.
- •District Reading Fairs may be held as early as **December 1**, District Reading Fairs must be completed and all information submitted to the Regional site no later than **February 4. 2022**.
- •For information regarding dates of School and District Reading Fairs, please contact the local Reading Fair Coordinator.

READING FAIR TIMELINE

School Reading Fair: September 1st through December 1

NOTE: If a School District only has one school or grade participating in any of the categories or divisions and is not able to compete with another school in their district then the school level winners will advance to one of the Regional Reading Fair locations.

District Reading Fair: December 1, through January 31, 2022.

NOTE: Districts submitting first place winners to the Regional competition must have a student signed photograph/video permission form on file prior to registering for the Regional competition.

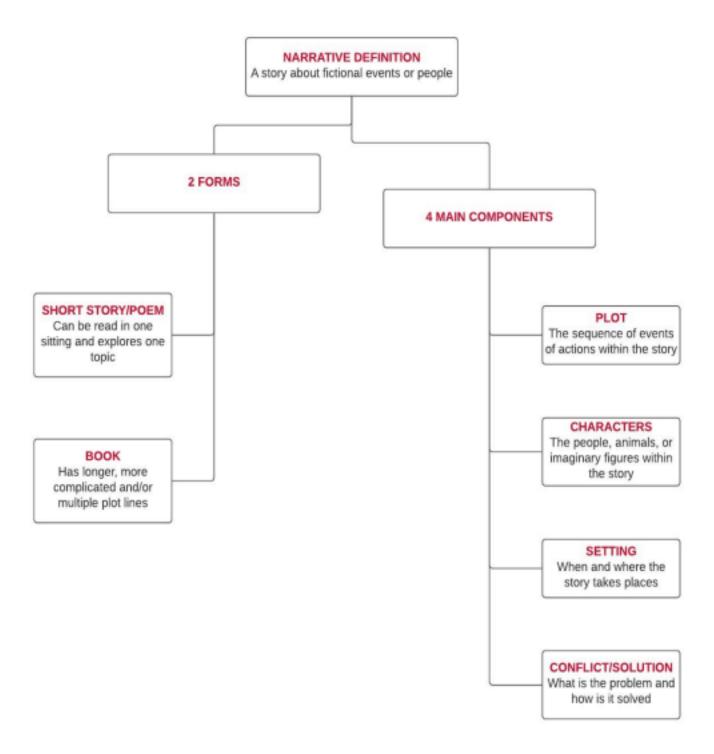
Regional Reading Fair: Feb. 25, 2022.

REGIONAL READING FAIR LOCATION

Region 2: Delta State University, Kent Wyatt Gymnasium, Cleveland, MS February 25, 2022

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LITERARY FICTION



NOTE: Religious narratives (including retellings or alternate versions) fall into this category.

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INFORMATIONAL NONFICTION

The first component of informational nonfiction is *genre*. Genres of **nonfiction** can be identified by one single factor: the intent or purpose of the writing. On the other hand, genres of **fiction** blend together. For instance, a fantasy story can have characteristics of an adventure story, but not all adventure stories are fantasies. Genres of nonfiction are more clearly defined than fiction. They explain the intent of the author or the purpose of the material.

The five main genres of nonfiction are:

- 1. Instructional: Describes how something is done or made.
- 2. Explanatory: Tells what happened or how something works, with defined reasons. 3. Report: Tells how things are discovered.
- 4. Discussion: Looks at both sides of an idea and makes a decision.
- 5. Opinion/Argument: Decides on a point-of-view and has reasons to support the view.

Students should be aware of the variety and format of the structures of nonfictional text. Some structures or formats of nonfiction can be seen within a variety of text. For example, a speech can be instructional, explanatory, a report, an opinion, or a discussion. On the contrary, a recipe is considered instructional. This is one thing that makes nonfictional text so unique. The structure can take on different tones and formats depending on the author's intent.

Students may select from the following nonfiction formats to complete literary competition projects:

- Autobiographies
 Biographies
- Book/movie reviews Consumer Reports articles • Debates
- Editorials

- Essays
- Interviews Journals Observations ●
- Presentations Proposals Reports •

Speeches

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Graphic Organizer	Text Pattern	Signal Words	Description
	Description	On, over, beyond, within, like, as, among, descriptive adjectives, figurative language	Reader should expect the writer to tell characteristics.
1-2-3	Established Sequence	Numbers, alphabets, days of the week, months of the year, centuries	Reader should expect to follow an established and known sequence in gathering information.
	Chronological Sequence	First, second; before, after; then, next; earlier, later, last, finally; again, in addition to; in the	Reader should expect that events will be told in order of the time they happened.

		beginning/end	
	Comparison and Contrast	While, yet, but, rather, most, either, like, unlike, same as, on the other hand, although, similarly, the opposite of, besides,	Reader should expect to learn similarities and differences.
ŀ	Cause and Effect		Reader should expect to learn the effect
	Cause and Effect	Since, because, thus, so that, ifthen, therefore, due to, as a result, this led to, thenso, for this reason, consequently	Reader should expect to learn the effect of one entity on another or others; reader should expect to learn why this event takes place.
	Problem and Solution	All signal words listed for cause and effect; propose, conclude, the solution is, the problem is, research shows, a reason for, the evidence is that	Reader should expect to identify a problem, predict a solution, and be told a solution or solutions; reader expects to know why the solution is viable.
	Question and Answer	Why, what, when, how, why	Reader should expect to consider a question, come up with an answer, and verify the answer.
	Combination	Any and all	Writer uses a combination of patterns within any one text or section of text.



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AR BOOK FINDER allows students, teachers, parents, and

features, in-depth author profiles and interviews, and excerpts of new releases.

librarians to search in English or Spanish to find title, award winners, state lists, & CCRS Exemplars.

book level or a Lexile™ measure, interest level,







<u>FULL TEXT POETRY</u> <u>a</u> list of websites that provide the full text of thousands of poems, as well as poet biographies, audio of poets reading their work, and essays about poetry.

<u>NOVELIST</u> <u>offers book-finding tools for librarians and students</u>



which includes readers' advisory products and content that strengthen the connection between books, readers, and libraries.



TIND A BOOK



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"Find a Book, Mississippi" is an easy way to select books based on a child's Lexile measure and interests. The free search tool can help build custom lists for readers at all ability levels, and then locate the books at the local public library.

Step 1:

Visit www.Lexile.com/fab/ms

Enter the student's Lexile

(If Lexile measure is not known, then for books based on comfort with reading)



measure

search grade-level



Step 2:

Have the student pick interest categories



Step 3:

View and refine the search results

(While browsing books, click the "Find in a Library" button next to the book titles to check its availability at local public library.)

Step 4:

Add books to the student's reading list

(Print or email the student's custom book list.)

Reading Fair 13

- Copyright laws govern the use of copyrighted materials such as book covers and images from the internet.
- Teachers and students may use copyright materials for educational projects and learning activities, but specific Fair Use guidelines must be followed.
- Photographs or images may be used in its entirety when creating a presentation for educational purposes. •

Copyrighted images must be displayed with the creator's name or where the image was copied from.



PLAGIARISM

- Copying text exactly how it appears in a book or from a website is called plagiarism.
- Students should use their own words to complete the following portions of the Literary Competition presentation:
 - o Plot Summary
 - o Conflict
 - Solution or Resolution
 - Author(s) Study
 - Text Summary
 - Author's Purpose
 - Topic Study
- Projects can be disqualified at any level if the information is found to be plagiarized.

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FICTION GUIDE

STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR CATEGORY AND DIVISION

Category: Individual Fiction (Div	visions C-F)
Division D (Grade 3)	_ Division F (Grades 6-8)
Division F (Grades 4-5)	Division G (Grades 9-12)

Note: Division E and F can choose between Storyboard or Digital Media Pr	esentation.
Category: Family/Group Fiction (Divisions A, B, J, K, L)	
Division A (Pre-Kindergarten - Kindergarten) Division	on J (Grades 3-5) Division B (Grades 1-2)
Division	n K (Grades 6-8) Division L (Grades 9-12)
My group members:	
and	
Note: Only 2 to 3 students in a group. If a group project has students in value the oldest student. This does not include class projects. Division K and L call Presentation.	
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STEP 2: BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
Use the copyright page to identify the bibliographic information.	
Title: Name of the Book. Make sure the title is underlined or use italics if typing.	
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	Author: The
person who wrote the words or text in a book.	
	Publisher: The
company that printed and distributed the book.	
	Publication
Date: The year the book was published.	
STEP 3: PLOT SUMMARY	
Do not retell the story! Project is written in the student's own words a plagiarized from any source: websites or books. Be sure to include each	
 PK-1: Retell (through writing/ drawing/ dictating the story) (RL. K-1.2) 2-3: Recount the story in a written response - this includes the message or Summarize the story in a written response - this includes the message or 	
	Reading Fair 17
STEP 4: MAIN CHARACTERS	Neauliig raii 17
Do not list more than three characters. Write a brief description of each characters. Do not tell the story in this step. Characters listed below m	
Name:	

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Short Description:	
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Name:	Reading Fair 18
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Short Description:	
	-
Name:	
_	
Short Description:	
STEP 5: SETTING	
There are 2 parts to a book's setting. You must include both!	
Time - When did the story happen? Be specific.	

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EP 8: AUTHOR'S STUDY - GRADES 9-12 ONLY		Reading Fair 20
Compare the plot lines, characters, and/or theme of the story by different author or the same author.		

Congratulations! The hard part is over; now, the fun begins!

- Use a standard tri-fold storyboard that unfolds to be 36" high x 48" wide. The sides fold in to make the board stand by itself.
- Be cautious with flashing transition in your digital presentation.
- To keep the judge from feeling overwhelmed, you should keep the text on each slide short and to the point. Use the 5/5/5 rule: no more than five words per line of text, five lines of text per slide, or five text-heavy slides in a row.
- Don't overload your presentation with animations.

Reading Fair 21

• Carefully type or write the story elements in Steps 2 - 8. Be creative! For example, if your person is a football player, you might choose a font like "IMPACT."

•	Your text should be easy to read and pleasant to look at. Large, simple fonts and theme colors are always your
	hest het

- Props add interest but must fit in the middle of the display. No items can protrude from the back or top of the tri-fold board. Props can be battery-operated, but you cannot use electrical outlets and extension cords. Items cannot be alive, valuable, or dangerous.
- You do not have to display the book, have props, or dress up.
- If creating a bilingual presentation, remember to translate all required elements into English for judging.

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STUDENT READING FAIR STORYBOARD PROJECT CHECKLIST

Literary Fiction | Divisions A-F and J-L

Student Name

Book Title

Grade	Division	Bilingual (circle one) Yes No
School		
School District		
HR Teacher		

All the following must be present on the project

NOTE: Project is written in the student's own words and information has not been directly copied or plagiarized from any source.

Title	Author	Publisher and Publication Date
Plot Summary PK-1: Retell through writing/drawing/dictating the story 2-3: Recount the story in a written response 4-12: Summarize the story in a written response	Main Characters Only those important to the story line	Setting Place and time of story
Conflict The problem in the story	Solution or Resolution How the problem is resolved	Author(s) Study Compare the plot lines, characters, and/or theme of the story to another story by a different author or the same author. Grades 9-12

WRITING

- Writing is neat and inviting
- Writing is easily understood

CREATIVITY

- Project is original
- Project demonstrates imagination
- Unique materials are used to express ideas

QUALITY OF PROJECT

• Project follows the guidelines

THOROUGHNESS OF WRITTEN INFORMATION

- Project captures the most important information
- Project capture the concept/point the author made in the book

INTEREST EVOKED

- Project demonstrates student's ability
- Student encourages others to read the book
- Student attracts others and makes them interested in the work

Parent Signature Date STUDENT READING FAIR DIGITAL MEDIA PROJECT

CHECKLIST

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Literary Fiction | Divisions E, F, K, L

Student Name		
Book Title		
Grade	Division	Bilingual (circle one) Yes No
School		
School District		
HR Teacher		

All the following must be present on the project

NOTE: Project is written in the student's own words and information has not been directly copied or plagiarized from any source: websites of books. Copyrighted materials have creator or source credits listed.

Title	Author	Publisher and Publication Date
Plot Summary PK-1: Retell through writing/drawing/dictating the story 2-3: Recount the story in a written response 4-12: Summarize the story in a written response	Main Characters Only those important to the story line	Setting Place and time of story
Conflict The problem in the story	Solution or Resolution How the problem is resolved	Author(s) Study Compare the plot lines, characters, and/or theme of the story to another story by a different author or the same author. Grades 9-12

TEXT

- Text is readable and neat
- Text is easily understood

CREATIVITY

- Project is original
- Project demonstrates imagination
- Unique technology is used to express ideas

QUALITY OF PROJECT

- Project follows the guidelines
- Project demonstrates digital media skill

THOROUGHNESS OF WRITTEN INFORMATION

- Project captures the most important information
- Project capture the concept/point the author made in the book

INTEREST EVOKED

- Project demonstrates student's ability
- Student encourages others to read the book
- Student attracts others and makes them interested in the work

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date NONFICTION GUIDE

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STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR CATEGORY AND DIVISION

Category: Informational Nonfiction Texts (Divisions G-I)	
Division G (Grades 3-5)	
Division H (Grades 6-8)	
Division I (Grades 9-12)	
Note: Division H and I can choose between Storyboard or Digital Media Presentat	tion.

STEP 2: BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Use the copyright page to identify the bibliographic information.

Title: Name of the Book. Make sure the title is underlined or use italics if typing.



Author: The

person who wrote the words or text in a book.	
	_ Publisher: The
company that printed and distributed the book.	
	_
Publication Date: The year the book was published.	
STEP 3: TYPE OF INFORMATIONAL TEXT	
Discussion	
Report	
Explanatory	Reading Fair 25
Opinion/Argument	
Instructional	

STEP 4: SUMMARY

Summarize what happened in the text. Project is written in the student's own words and information has not been directly copied or plagiarized from any source: websites or books.

- 3: Recount the main idea and key details the text in a written response (RI.3.2)
- 4-12: Summarize the text in a written response include the main/central idea in this summary (RI.4-12.2)

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STEP 5: GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS
A graphic organizer is a visual display or picture of information. You must include a graphic organizer summarizing the events in the text. Have fun and be creative! Some internet sites that have printable graphic organizers are listed below.
 ReadWriteThink Cube Creator <u>www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student</u> <u>interactives/cube-creator-30850.html</u>
• edHelper Graphic Organizers <u>edhelper.com/teachers/graphic_organizers.htm</u> • Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Education
Place <u>www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/</u> ● Education Oasis Graphic Organizers
www.educationoasis.com/printables/graphic-organizers/
STEP 6: STUDENT-MADE CONNECTIONS

Choose one or more of the following ways you feel connected to the text.

Text - Self: I can identify with this topic, because	
Text - Text: The text reminds me of the book	
Title of the Book	
Author of the Book	
Read because	ling Fair 27
STEP 7: AUTHOR'S PURPOSE	
Why did the author write the book?	
To entertain To inform	
To persuade A combination of the above STEP 8: TOPIC STUDY - GRADES	
9-12 ONLY	
Recommend another text that has similar or opposing/alternate information on the same topic. (CCR.R.9)	

STEP 9: DESIGN YOUR PRESENTATION

Congratulations! The hard part is over; now, the fun begins!

- Use a standard tri-fold storyboard that unfolds to be 36" high x 48" wide. The sides fold in to make the board stand by itself.
- Be cautious with flashing transition in your digital presentation.
- To keep the judge from feeling overwhelmed, you should keep the text on each slide short and to the point. Use the 5/5/5 rule: no more than five words per line of text, five lines of text per slide, or five text-heavy slides in a row.

Reading Fair 28

- Don't overload your presentation with animations.
- Carefully type or write the story elements in Steps 2 8. Be creative! For example, if your person is a football players, you might choose a font like "IMPACT."
- Your text should be easy to read and pleasant to look at. Large, simple fonts and theme colors are always your best bet.
- Props add interest but must fit in the middle of the display. No items can protrude from the back or top of the tri-fold board. Props can be battery-operated, but you cannot use electrical outlets and extension cords. Items cannot be alive, valuable, or dangerous.
- You do not have to display the book, have props, or dress up.
 - If creating a bilingual presentation, remember to translate all required elements into English for judging.

STUDENT READING FAIR STORYBOARD PROJECT CHECKLIST

Informational Nonfiction Text | Divisions G-I

Student Name		
Book Title		
Grade	Division	Bilingual (circle one) Yes No
School		
School District		
HR Teacher		

All the following must be present on the project

NOTE: Project is written in the student's own words and information has not been directly copied or plagiarized from any source: websites of books. Copyrighted materials have creator or source credits listed.

Student Connections Text-to-self;
text-to-text; and/or text-to world

Author's Purp Identify the mai (to explain, pers entertain, and/o

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WRITING

- Writing is neat and inviting
- Writing is easily understood

CREATIVITY

- Project is original
- Project demonstrates imagination
- Unique materials are used to express ideas

QUALITY OF PROJECT

• Project is durable and will last through several rounds of competition without physical support

• Project follows the guidelines

THOROUGHNESS OF WRITTEN INFORMATION

- Project captures the most important information
- Project capture the concept/point the author made in the book

INTEREST EVOKED

- Project demonstrates student's ability
- Student encourages others to read the book
- Student attracts others and makes them interested in the work

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date

STUDENT READING FAIR DIGITAL MEDIA PROJECT CHECKLIST

Informational Nonfiction Text | Divisions H and I

Student Name			
Book Title			
Grade	Division	Bilingual (circle one) Yes No	
School			
School District			
HR Teacher			

All the following must be present on the project

NOTE: Project is written in the student's own words and information has not been directly copied or plagiarized from any source: websites of books. Copyrighted materials have creator or source credits listed.

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TEXT

- Text is readable and neat
- Text is easily understood

CREATIVITY

- Project is original
- Project demonstrates imagination
- Unique technology is used to express ideas

QUALITY OF PROJECT

- Project follows the guidelines
- Project demonstrates digital media skill

THOROUGHNESS OF WRITTEN INFORMATION

Title	Author • Project captures the most important information • Project capture the concept/point the author made in the book
Type of Informational Text Discussion, Report, Explanatory, Opinion/Argument, Instructional	Text SummINTEREST EVOKED 3: Recount the Project demonstrates student's ability details the tee Student encourages others to read the book 4-12: Summæ Student attracts others and makes them interested in the work response
Student Connections Text-to-self; text-to-text; and/or text-to world	Author's Pt Identify the r (to explain, p entertain, an

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Argument: A logical way of presenting a belief, conclusion, or stance. Effective arguments are supported by reasoning and evidence.

Author: The originator of any written work.

Author's Purpose: An author's main reason for writing. A writer's purpose may be to entertain, to inform, to persuade, to teach a moral lesson, or to reflect on an experience. An author may have more than one purpose for writing.

Autobiography: A written account of an author's own life.

Biography: An account of a person's life written by another person.

Cause and Effect: Text structure in which the author presents one or more causes and then describes the resulting effects. Central

Message (central idea): The main idea of a fictional text; the central message may be directly stated or implied.

Comparison and Contrast: Text structure in which the author compares and contrasts two or more similar events, topics, or objects.

Concrete Words and Phrases: Words or phrases used to describe characteristics and/or qualities that can be perceived through the senses.

Conflict: A struggle or clash between opposing characters, forces, or emotions.

Consumer Reports: Publication that provides reviews and comparisons of consumer products and services based on reporting and results from testing.

Debate: Form of literary conflict demonstrating both sides of an argument.

Description: Text structure that presents a topic, along with the attributes, specifics, or setting information that describes that topic.

Detail: Fact revealed by the author or speaker that supports the attitude or tone in a piece of poetry or prose. In informational texts, details provide information to support the author's main point.

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Dictating: The process of writing down what someone else has said; a way for a parent or teacher to record a child's ideas when the writing demands surpass the child's writing skills.

Editorial: Article presenting the opinion of the editors or publishers.

Essay: A short piece of writing which is often written from an author's personal point of view.

Evidence: Supporting information a writer or speaker uses to prove a claim.

Fantasy: Story employing imaginary characters living in fictional settings where the rules of the real world are altered for effect. Fiction:

Imaginative literary works representing invented rather than actual persons, places, and/or events.

Figurative Language: An expression that departs from the accepted literal sense or from the normal order of words; an extension of this definition includes the use of sound for emphasis, including onomatopoeia, alliteration, assonance, and consonance.

Graphic: Pictorial representation of data or ideas using columns, matrices, or other formats.

Informational Texts: Nonfiction texts that contain facts and information; also referred to as expository texts. **Interview**: Meeting at which information is gathered by asking questions of a person about an event, experience, or idea.

Journal: Daily record of events.

Literary Nonfiction: Text that conveys factual information. The text may or may not employ a narrative structure and characteristics such as dialogue. Additionally, literary nonfiction may also persuade, inform, explain, describe, or amuse.

Main Idea: The central thought of a nonfiction text.

Narrative: A story about fictional or real events.

Observation: Act of making and recording a measurement.

Opinion Piece: Writing in which a personal opinion is expressed about a topic. As grade levels progress, the writer must support a point of view with reasons and/or information.

Plot: Sequence of events or actions in a short story, novel, or narrative poem.

Publisher: Person or company that produces and distributes printed material.

Publication Date: The date the material was printed.

Proposal: Collection of plans or assumptions.

Purpose: Specific reason or reasons for writing. Purpose conveys what the readers have to gain by reading the selection; it is also the objective or the goal that the writer wishes to establish.

Reason: The logical support behind an argument.

Report: Detailed account of an occurrence or situation.

Retelling: Recalling the content of what was read or heard.

Plagiarism: Using someone else's words or ideas as your own. Plagiarism involves copying or borrowing someone else's original ideas.

Problem/Solution: Text structure in which the main ideas are organized into two parts: Problem and a subsequent solution that responds to the problem, or a question and an answer that responds to the question.

Setting: The time and place in which events in a short story, novel, or narrative poem take place.

Sequence: Text structure in which ideas are grouped on the basis of order or time.

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Speech: Written account of formal spoken communication to an audience.

Summary: A condensed version of a larger reading in which a writer uses his or her own words to express the main idea and relevant details of the text.

Text-to-Self Connection: Linking a topic or situation in the story to a personal experience.

Text-to-Text Connection: Linking a topic or situation in the story to another book or story.

Text-to-World Connection: Linking a topic or situation in the story to an event that has occurred in the world, environment, or student's community.

Theme: Central meaning of a literary work. A literary work can have more than one theme.

Tone: Describes the writer's/speaker's attitude toward a subject, character, or audience conveyed through the author's choice of words and details. Tone can be serious, humorous, sarcastic, objective, etc.



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