

## 25 Great Ways to Share a Book

- *Make a crossword puzzle using ideas from the book*
- *Read a book that has been made into a movie. Watch the movie, then write an essay comparing the movie to the book.*
- *Rewrite the story as a picture book. Use simple vocabulary so that the book may be enjoyed by younger students.*
- *Write a letter to the author, suggesting some changes you think he or she could make in order to improve the book.*
- *Dress up as one of the characters and tell the story from a first person viewpoint*
- *After reading a book about history or an historical fiction book, make a timeline or calendar to show the important events of the story.*
- *Prepare a list of questions for use in determining if others have read the book carefully*
- *Write a description of one of the main characters in the book. Paint a portrait or caricature to accompany the descriptions.*
- *Make three or four simple puppets of characters in the book. Prepare a short puppet show to tell the story to the class.*
- *Write a letter to the school librarian telling why she should recommend the book to other classes or students.*
- *Compare the illustrations in two books. Tell how the illustrations influence the reader.*
- *After reading an informative book, make a list of ten important facts you found in the book.*
- *Write a book review that could be share with the rest of the school.*
- *Write a letter to the author of the book, telling your feelings about the story. Mail the letter to the book's publishing company.*
- *Make a map showing where the story took place*
- *Write a diary from the main character's viewpoint to explain the events of the story*
- *Make up three different endings for the story.*
- *Write a letter recommending the book to a friend or relative in another city.*
- *Make a list of questions to ask someone who has read the same book. Then, interview that person and record his or her answers on tape.*
- *Write a letter to the main character of the book. (ask a question, protest some situation, make a complaint or suggestion, etc)*
- *Write a feature news article (with a headline) that tells the story as it might be found on the front page of a newspaper in the town where the story takes place.*
- *Draw several illustrations to accompany the book. Be prepared to tell the story in class, using the pictures as aids.*
- *Make a travel poster inviting tourists to visit the setting of the book*
- *Make a diorama which shows the setting of a main event from your book*
- *Make a poster advertising your book*

# 15 MORE Great Ways to Share a Book

- List 10 new words from the book and define them
- Select a favorite character and compose a haiku or acrostic poem about the character
- Read about the author and give a brief biography. Be sure to list other books written by that author
- Design a bookmark that illustrates the characters or high points of the story
- Make a montage! Cut out magazine pictures and words that relate to the story and mount them on construction paper
- Design a book jacket for a book you think the author might write next. Give the book a title
- Draw a picture comparing your neighborhood and the neighborhood or setting in a part of the story
- Be a sales agent and write an ad to "sell" the book
- Design a comic strip of your favorite story event
- Practice reading dramatically a few favorite pages in the book. Read them to the class
- Draw and label a map setting of the book
- Create a "sack report" for your book. On the front, draw a picture of the setting, along with the title and author. On the back, list the main characters and a short description of each. Inside, create 3 items that relate to the story.
- Create a "quadrama" to tell about parts of your book. (See me for the handout)
- Complete a book report form (See me for the form)
- Complete a Book Review Notecard  
Use a 4 x 6 notecard and complete as shown below

On the FRONT of the card, include the following:

**Top of card**

Title:

Name:

Author:

Class:

Setting(fiction only)

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**Bottom of card**

Memorable Quote or Scene (for fiction/biography)

Interesting Quote or Fact (for non-fiction)

On the BACK of the card, include the following:

**Top of card**

Fiction/Biography: Description of 1-2 major characters

Nonfiction: Identify a significant person or group who contributed to the major idea(s) of the book.

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**Bottom of card**

Fiction: Summary (tell plot and include conclusion)

Nonfiction/Biography: Summarize the main ideas