

Educator Information and Directions

Student Objectives

1. Create tools to help with reading a novel independently

DAY 1

Watch the lesson video, complete PDF assignments, and review material with online practice.

DAY 2

Complete PDF assignments and review material with online practice.

DAY 3

Complete PDF assignments and review material with online practice.

DAY 4

Complete PDF assignments and review material with online practice.

DAY 5

Complete PDF assignments, review the Week At-a-Glance, and complete the online practice and lesson assessment.

“Week At-a-Glance”

P. 2 will help students organize their time. If you need to alter the schedule, you may combine or alter as needed. However, students should complete all lesson tasks – video, PDF materials, and online practice. These tasks work together to build knowledge, develop understanding, and achieve the unit objectives.

Suggested Reward

Use your account to reward 100 Gold/\$coops for each worksheet completed in this packet.

Extension Activities

Vocabulary Hunt: Create a vocabulary journal to go with your novel. As you read, note any unknown words. In your journal, record the words, any context clues, the definitions, your own sentence using the word, and an image to help you remember it!

Action!: Re-enact the beginning of your novel with friends, family members, or as a solo performance. You can even record the performance and play it back to help bring the story to life!

Question Exchange: Ask a friend or family member to make their own reading comprehension bookmarks with you. Every week, trade bookmarks so you have new questions to think about!



Complete While Watching Video



Example



Student Practice



Write It Out!

Week Two At-a-Glance

Day 1

- Watch the Video Lesson.
- Complete your Guided Notes.
- Complete the Your Turn.
- Complete the Online Practice 1.



Day 2

- Complete the Reading Calendar.
- Complete the Reading Tips.
- Complete the Daily Reading.
- Complete the Online Practice 2.

Day 3

- Complete the Reading Comprehension Bookmark.
- Complete the Daily Reading.
- Complete the Online Practice 3.



Day 4

- Complete the Novel Soundtrack.
- Complete the Daily Reading.
- Complete the Online Practice 4.

Day 5

- Complete the Reflection Tools.
- Complete the Reflection Outline
- Complete the First Weekly Reflection.
- Complete the Online Practice 5.
- Complete the Online Assessment.



Day 1

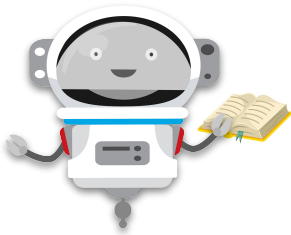
Guided Notes



Guided Notes: While you are watching the video, fill in the information below for your notes.

Reading Tips

A few factors to consider before reading are...

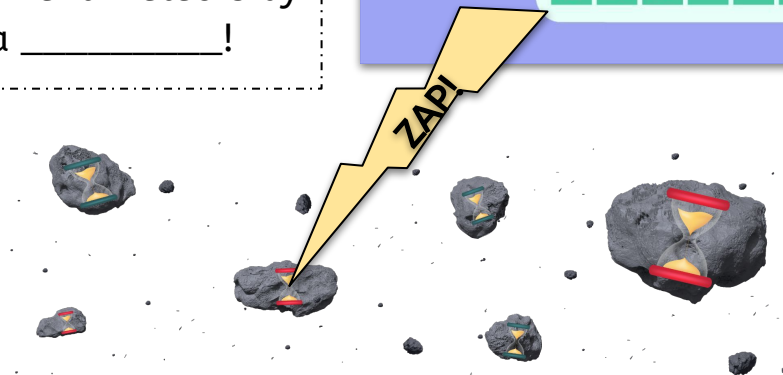


- A _____
- N _____
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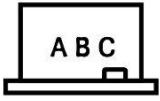
Finding the environment that works best for you is really personal!
Use **p. 7** of this PDF to help you think about effective strategies for YOU!

Reading Calendar

- Helps keep us on track
- Makes sure we don't rush or fall behind
- Helps us zap away time management meteors by having a _____!



Guided Notes (cont.)

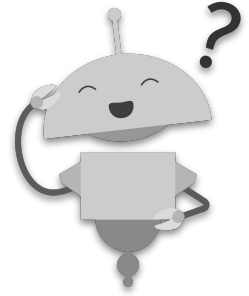


Guided Notes: While you are watching the video, fill in the information below for your notes.

Reading Comprehension Bookmark

Questions to help us pause to understand the plot, characters, themes, and so much more as we read.

- What are the main _____ in this chapter?
- How is the main character _____?
- What _____ can I make about the story?



Reflection Shooting Star

This star is all about casting light on our discoveries, observations, and predictions.

You'll be able to take a snapshot of moments from your story that you loved, made you think, or that you have questions about.

You can use:

- B _____
- Vlogs
- V _____ Recordings
- Journals
- A _____!

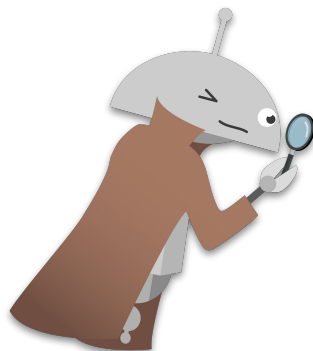


Your Turn: Pre-Reading Predictions



DIRECTIONS: In this pre-reading survey, your goal is to make some predictions and expectations about the novel you selected. When you finish your book, you can come back here to see if your predictions came true!

<p>Book Cover: Look at the cover of your book. What can you tell about the story just from the cover?</p>	
<p>Book Description: Based on the book's description, or blurb, what do you think will happen in the story? What do you expect the main conflict to be?</p>	
<p>Characters: Are there any characters mentioned on the book's description? What do you already know about the characters?</p>	
<p>Setting: Can you guess where and when the story might happen based on the cover and book description? How do you think the setting might affect the story?</p>	
<p>Personal Predictions: What are you hoping to see in this book? Are there any elements of fiction that you're hoping to encounter?</p>	



Day 2

Reading Calendar



DIRECTIONS: Today you will make your reading calendar to set goals to help you stay on track with your novel during the unit. You can create your calendar using the template on the next page or on a device of your choice. Below is an example of how you might set up your calendar! You can cross out what you read as you go.

My Reading Calendar - *Shadows Over Celestia*

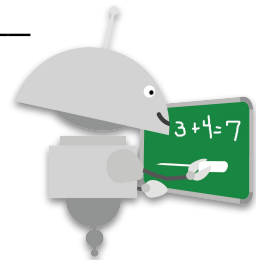
June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Read pp. 1-4	Read pp. 5-8	Read pp. 9-12	Read pp. 13-16	Read pp. 17-20	

Reading Calendar Formula

You might have decimals in your answers – round to the nearest whole number!

1. How many pages is your novel? _____
2. How many weeks do you have to read it? _____
3. $\frac{\text{\#1}}{\text{\#2}} = \text{\#3}$ pages per week
4. How many days a week do you want to read? _____
5. $\frac{\text{\#3}}{\text{\#4}} = \text{\#5}$ pages per day



Your Turn - My Reading Calendar



DIRECTIONS: Use the template below to create your reading calendar. You can also make your calendar on a device or another method of your choice! On any day, if you decide you want to do more reading than scheduled, go for it!

						SUNDAY	
						MONDAY	
						TUESDAY	
						WEDNESDAY	
						THURSDAY	
						FRIDAY	
						SATURDAY	

Reading Tips



DIRECTIONS: Review the tips below before you start reading. Then, **circle** an answer for each question to help you decide the best way for you to read. Use your answers to help as you start reading your novel this week!

Using Audiobooks

- ★ Audiobooks are like having someone read the story to you, making it fun and sometimes easier to understand.
- ★ You can listen to them on devices like a computer or smartphone.
- ★ Ask an adult for help locating the audiobook for your novel! Often, the local library will have them available to borrow like a physical book!



Do you want to use an audiobook for reading? **Yes**
No

Noise & Distractions



- ★ Politely ask the people moving around you if they can be mindful for a few minutes while you read!
- ★ Headphones can help block out background noise, and are also great for listening to audiobooks!
- ★ If you don't like silence, try playing soft music or "background noise" like rain, ocean waves, or even static.

Am I able to read when people are around me?

Yes

No

What noise level works best for me?

Silence

Headphones

Background Noise

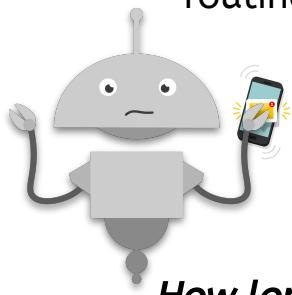
Reading Tips (cont.)



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Devices & Time

- ★ Turn off or silence your devices so they won't distract you!
- ★ Take short breaks to rest your eyes and mind. Try reading for 20 minutes, then take a 5-minute break. You can set a timer to help you!
- ★ Set a regular reading time each day. It could be after your schoolwork or before bed. It helps to have a routine!



Do I usually get distracted by my devices?

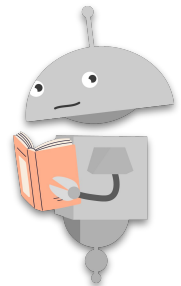
Yes

No

How long can I usually read before I need a 5-minute break?

_____ minutes

When should my regular reading time be each day?



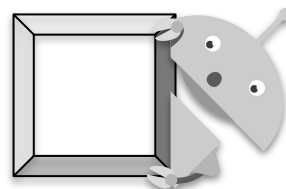
Daily Reading



DIRECTIONS: Your activity today is to work ahead on your reading. Check your calendar and read the next pages you have scheduled in order to stay on top of your goals!



Check the box
when you finish
reading and have
crossed it off your
calendar!



Day 3

Reading Comprehension Bookmark

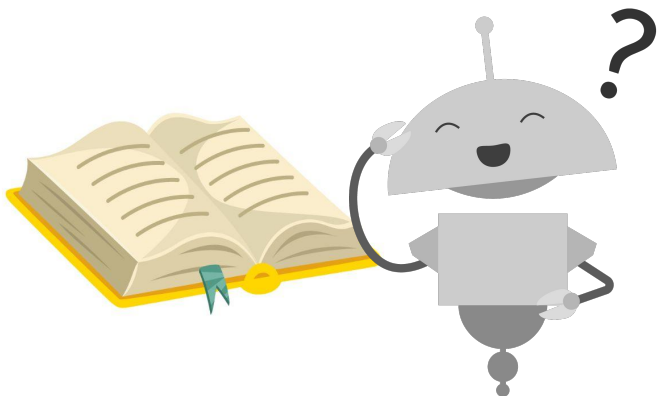
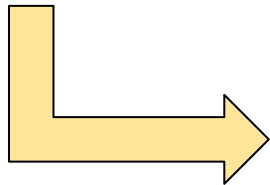


DIRECTIONS: You'll be creating your own reading comprehension bookmark to aid in your understanding of your novel.

These questions will be reminders as you read to think about the different elements of fiction in your novel.

You can use your bookmark while reading, share it with a friend, or use it to discuss your book with an adult after reading!

Check out this bookmark example for ideas!



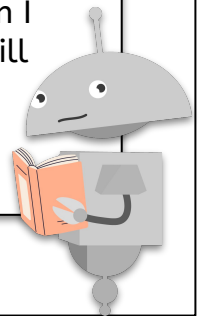
My Reading Comprehension Questions for

Shadows Over Celestia

By: Chad G. Petey

During what I just read...

- ★ What were the major events?
- ★ Did the setting impact the events?
- ★ Did anything surprising happen?
- ★ What decisions did the characters make? Would I make the same decisions?
- ★ How are the characters growing?
- ★ Were there any moments of foreshadowing?
- ★ What predictions can I make about what will happen next?



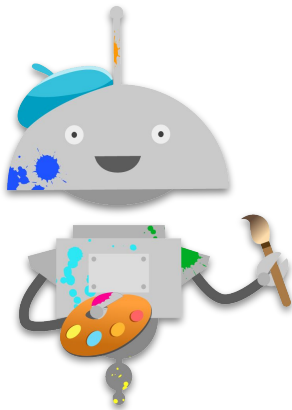
My Bookmark



DIRECTIONS: Use the template to create your bookmark. You can print this page, use a piece of stiff paper to draw your own shape, create a digital bookmark, or use another way of your choice!

Remember to include:

- The title of my novel
- The author's name
- Three reading comprehension questions – you can pick questions from the example on **p. 11**, or write your own questions!
- Decorations that connect with my book
- Creativity! Have fun!



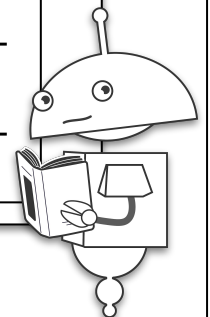
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By: _____

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Question 2:

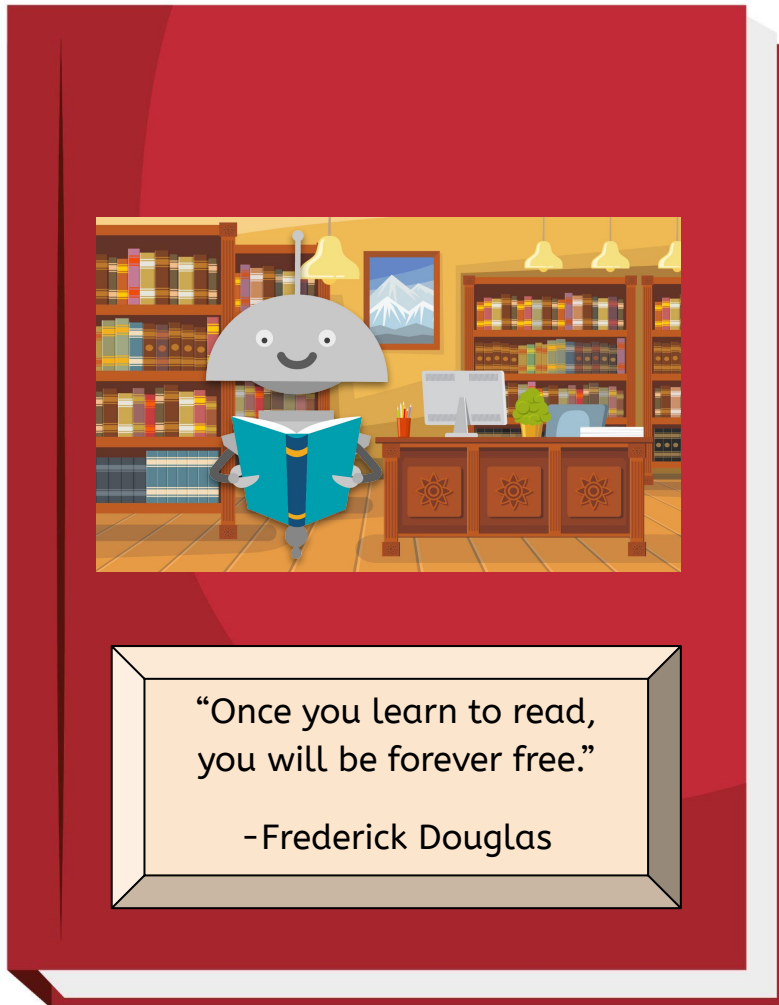
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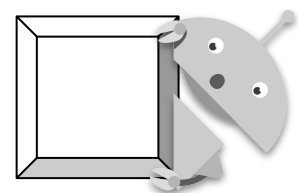
Daily Reading



DIRECTIONS: Your activity today is to work ahead on your reading. Check your calendar and read the next pages you have scheduled in order to stay on top of your goals!



Use your reading comprehension bookmark
to pause and think about your questions.
You can talk with a friend or adult for help!
Check the box when you're finished!



Day 4

Novel Soundtrack



DIRECTIONS: Create a playlist of songs that you think could be part of the “soundtrack” for your novel based on your initial impression!

Song 1



Song Title: _____

Artist: _____

Why I chose this song for my book: _____

Lyric (optional): _____

Song 2

Song Title: _____

Artist: _____

Why I chose this song for my book: _____

Lyric (optional): _____

Song 3

Song Title: _____

Artist: _____

Why I chose this song for my book: _____

Lyric (optional): _____

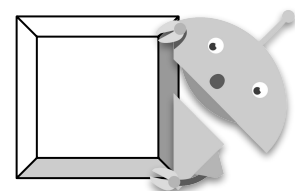
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Use your reading comprehension bookmark to pause and think about your questions. You can talk with a friend or adult for help!
Check the box when you're finished!



Day 5

Reflection Tools



DIRECTIONS: In this activity, you will choose from the options below to share reflections about your novel. Each week, you'll explore your thoughts about the book and answer some guided prompts. Read the description of each tool below. Underline or **highlight** the parts that you like from each description!

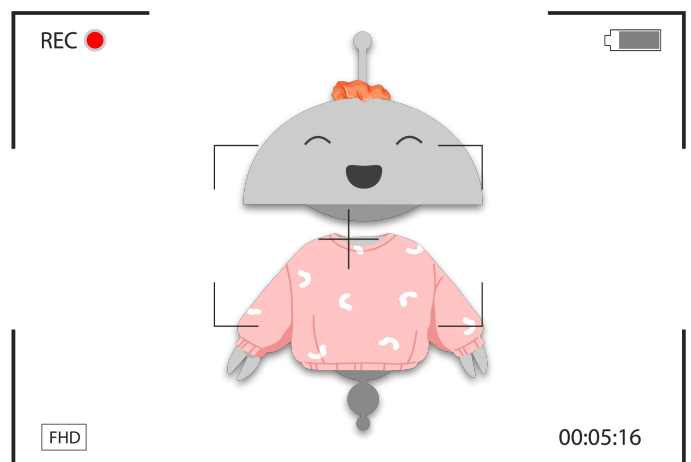
Blogs - Digital Journals



- Decide where you'll write your blog. You might want to write it online so you can share it with your friends and family, or you might want to write it in a private document. Ask an adult for help!
- Each week, you'll start a new blog post. Title it with something related to the book or the aspect you're reflecting on that week.
- Remember, this is your space to explore your ideas about the book, so don't worry about having the "right" answer.

Vlogs - Video Blogs

- Use a smartphone, tablet, or webcam to record your Vlog. Make sure you're in a quiet place with good lighting.
- Watch your video. If there are parts you don't like, you can either re-record those sections or use a video editing app to cut them out.
- Decide whether you want to share your Vlog with friends/family, or whether you want to keep it private. Ask an adult for help!



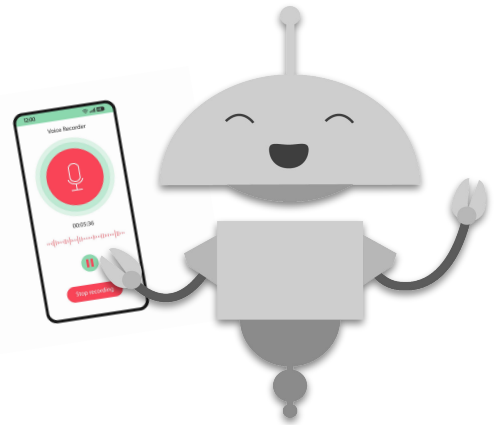
Reflection Tools (cont.)



DIRECTIONS: In this activity, you will choose from the options below to share reflections about your novel. Each week, you'll explore your thoughts about the book and answer some guided prompts. Read the description of each tool below. Underline or **highlight** the parts that you like from each description!

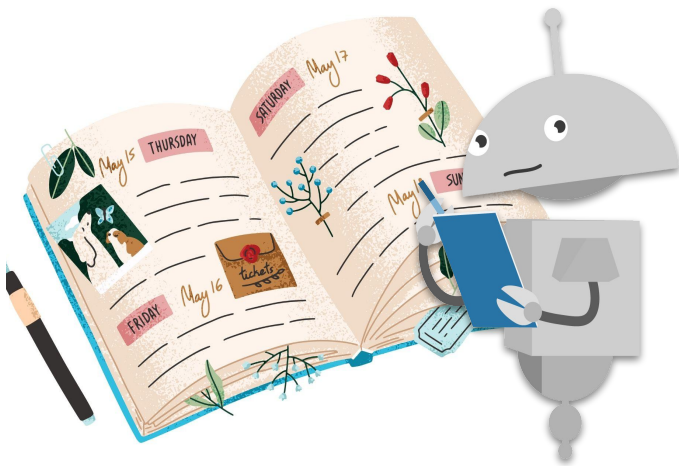
Voice Recordings

- Think about what you want to say in your reflection. You might find it helpful to write a few notes before you start recording!
- Use a voice recording app on a smartphone, tablet, or computer to record your reflection. Speak clearly and try to limit background noise.
- Listen to your recording. If you're happy with it, save it! If you want to add or change something, that's ok too! Just hit the record button again to make another recording.
- If you want, share your recordings with your friends and family to talk about your novel!



Picture Journals

- Each week, create a picture that represents your thoughts on the novel. You could make a comic strip, a collage of images, a single scene from the book, or anything else that captures your ideas.
- Include a few sentences to accompany each picture. Explain how your image reflects your thoughts on the book.
- If you want, share your picture journal with your friends and family to talk about your novel!



Reflection Tools Survey







DIRECTIONS: Consider each question below to help you choose a way to reflect on your novel!

For each of the following questions, rate yourself from:

1
to
5
(It's not my favorite.)
(I love this activity!)

You can color the bar up to your rating or record the number in the box!

My Rating	1 It's not my favorite.	2 I like it sometimes.	3 I usually like this!	4 I like this a lot!	5 I love this activity!
Do you enjoy writing?					
Do you like being on video?					
Do you enjoy creating art?					
Do you like talking about your ideas?					

You might end up with one or a mix of tools to try!

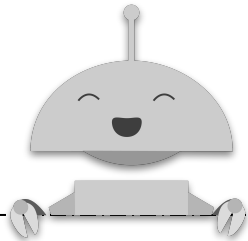
Reflection Tools Survey - Results!



DIRECTIONS: Review your ratings on the previous page. Then, read the suggestions below. **Circle** the tools you want to use!

Suggestions:

- ★ If you rated **high for writing**, **blogging** might be a good option for you! It allows you to express your thoughts through writing.
- ★ If you rated **high for being on video**, consider **vlogging!** This is a great way to share your thoughts if you're comfortable on camera.
- ★ If you rated **high for creating art**, a **picture journal** could be the right choice! It allows you to use your artistic skills to reflect on the book.
- ★ If you rated **high for talking about your ideas**, a **voice recording** may suit you best! It lets you talk through your ideas out loud.



Remember:

There's no wrong choice! If none of your answers stand out, you can pick the option that feels the most comfortable to you or try something new!

Who knows? You might even decide to try a different method each week to experiment and grow your skills in each area.

Your First Weekly Reflection



DIRECTIONS: Reflecting will help you deepen your understanding of your novel, express your thoughts and feelings about the story, and enhance your communication skills. Now that you have selected your reflection tool, use the questions below to complete your first weekly response. You can make some short bullet point notes to help you get started!

	My Notes
First Impressions: What are your initial thoughts about the book? Has anything surprised you?	●
Characters: Who are the main characters so far? What do you think about them?	●
Setting: Where and when does the story take place?	●
Questions: Do you have any questions about the story so far? What are you curious to find out?	●
Predictions: Based on what you've read so far, what do you think might happen next?	●

When you're ready, use your notes to create your first reflection using the method of your choice! When you finish your reflection, come back here to check the box!

