

Frequently Asked Questions about the AR Summer Reading Program

1. How can I find my AR Summer Reading book?

Most of the books can be found at the public library, school library or at Walden Books. Do not get abridged or condensed versions of any classics because they may not provide the adequate information needed to pass an AR quiz.

2. How many AR Summer Reading books are required?

- a. Students **MUST** choose a book off of their rising grade level list. Rising freshman, sophomores, and juniors are required to read one book. All rising seniors, including joint enrollment students, have one required reading – plus a book of their choice that meets the following requirements: 6th grade level or above, not been previously assigned, and has a current Accelerated Reader test. [Note: 95% of popular and classic novels are AR books!]

3. What must I do to take an Accelerated Reader quiz?

- a. Students may take an AR quiz with any High School English teacher during the first full week of school. All quizzes should be completed by Friday, August 22, 2008.

4. Are there any special rules I need to remember when actually taking the quiz?

- a. While testing, be sure to read all choices before selecting an answer. You may not return to a previous screen to change or re-read an answer. Do not humiliate yourself by trying to take a quiz on a book that you have not actually read. **You must score a 70% or higher on your quiz to pass.** You may not re-take any quiz for previous books. If you fail a test, you will be required to read another book and take another quiz to meet the summer reading requirements.

5. May I take short cuts, such as relying on Cliff or Spark Notes, a friend, or a movie?

- a. No. If a teacher suspects that you did not actually read the book, he/she has the prerogative of revoking any points that you have earned. Your integrity is at stake and that is more important than any grade you may receive.

6. What happens if I don't meet the deadline or don't pass the test?

- a. That is a very real possibility. If you cannot meet the deadline or pass a quiz, you will receive an incomplete for the class until a quiz is passed. Remember, you still have AR semester reading to do – so don't put this off!

7. What is the point of having Accelerated Reader or Summer Reading books?

- a. This program will continue to allow students to make improvements with their reading skills. Accelerated Reader has programs that assess comprehension, reading vocabulary, and general reading skills – knowledge that is pertinent to doing well on the SAT and other standardized tests. Also, The State of Georgia encourages students to read one million words a year (or 25 books) and reading a textbook alone does not meet this standard; Studies have shown that students who read for fun are more likely to engage in higher education. Furthermore, this gives students a chance to read texts that they may not typically choose and engage in classic novels that open the possibilities to create life-long learners.