



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARIZONA

## Rising Fourth Grade Scholars

You will read, at least, two independent reading books over the summer.

One is required. One you will choose from the recommended reading list.

### Required Book Assignment

During your summer reading you will read the book *Where is the Grand Canyon?* and create a page for each of your assigned nine letters. For each of your letters, you will need to find a word or short phrase from the book that begins with that letter. Then, in 3-4 complete sentences you will explain your word or phrase and how it relates to the Grand Canyon. Please use the format below to guide you as you write.

Your informational sentences should follow the following format:

1. In a complete sentence, give the definition for your word or phrase
2. Explain how this word or phrase relates to the Grand Canyon
3. Use your word or phrase in a complete sentence of your own

Over the summer, you should use the attached chart to draft the informational sentences. Then, when you return from the summer break, you will use this draft and collaborate with classmates to create your alphabet book. See the example page below.

Example Explanation:

Indigo is a plant that is often used to make indigo colored dye. Indigo relates to slavery and the Underground Railroad because in the 1700's this crop was often grown on plantations that used slave labor to harvest it. The cruel treatment on these plantations caused many slaves to run away using the Underground Railroad. Example sentence: In the 1700's more than one million pounds of indigo were harvested a year.

**STANDS FOR INDIGO.**

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***You (and your partner) will be expected to present your alphabet book to your classmates.***

***Have fun and do your best!***





**Alphabet Book Rubric**

	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Contents</b>	Project consists of 9 pages. Each page consists of a word, a definition, explanation of how the word relates to the topics, and an example sentence.	Includes 5-6 significant items and most items are accompanied with clear and accurate sentences.	Includes 4-5 items and most items are accompanied with clear and accurate sentences or 6 items are included but some are not relevant or explained accurately.	Contents are incomplete due to missing items and/or explanations.
<b>Content Depth</b>	Content is exceptional in its depth, breadth, and creativity, Content is related to the assigned letter of the alphabet and includes connections to real-world applications demonstrating understanding by making relevant connections, Content is factual, accurate, and provides clear evidence of understanding. Content is engaging and exceeds expectations for the intended audience	Content is well-developed and related to the assigned letter of the alphabet, Content is factual and accurate, with sufficient depth and detail, Content is engaging, with clear connections to the intended audience	Content is present and related to the assigned letter of the alphabet, Content is factual and accurate, but lacks depth or detail, Content is relevant to the intended audience, but could be more engaging	Content is missing or incomplete, Content is not related to the assigned letter of the alphabet, Content is not factual or accurate, Content is not relevant to the intended audience
<b>Overall Creativity</b>	Pages are complete and filled with engaging content, artwork is excellent showing exceptional creativity and attention to detail Text is easy to read, Overall appearance is exceptional, showing outstanding organization and attention to detail.	Pages are complete and filled with content, Artwork is well-done and shows creativity and attention to detail, Text is easy to read, Overall appearance is neat and well-organized	Pages are complete and mostly filled with content Artwork is adequate, but lacks some detail or creativity, Text is mostly legible, Overall appearance is neat, but could be more organized	Pages are incomplete or barely filled with content, Artwork is rushed and lacks detail or creativity, Text is difficult to read, Overall appearance is messy or unorganized
<b>Conventions</b>	Most spelling and punctuation is correct; title of the book is capitalized and underlined / italicized.	Most spelling and punctuation is correct.	There are several errors with conventions.	There are significant errors with conventions.
<b>Oral Presentation Confidence and Preparation</b>	Showed a high level of confidence and was ready to present  Maintained excellent eye contact for the entire presentation	Showed some confidence and was ready to present  Maintained good eye contact for the entire presentation	Was not ready to present, but was somewhat confident without preparation  Maintained good eye contact for the entire presentation	Lacked confidence; wasn't ready to present  Maintained good eye contact for the entire presentation
<b>Comments</b>				



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## Self Selected Book from Recommended Reading List Assignment

You will select a book from your grade level recommended reading list.

After you have read it, please create a postcard for it and mail it back to the school.

On the front of the postcard, please include the title of the book, the author, and an illustration to represent the book. Think of this as an opportunity to redesign the cover of the book. Your postcard will show how you would represent the main idea of the book on a cover if you could design the book cover.


On the back of the postcard, please use the following template.

My name is (please include your first and last name).

I chose to read (please include the book title) because (please explain why you chose to read this book.)

In one to two sentences, please share your reaction to the book. Did you like it? What did you like? Would you recommend it? Why or Why not? These questions are just to give you ideas; you can provide your own 1-2 sentence reaction. You do not have to answer all of these questions.

For example:

<p>My name is Henry Jones. I chose to read <i>Harry Potter</i> because I had heard this was a good book from one of my friends. I did enjoy the book. I especially liked the part when Harry helped his friend Ron feel more confident. I would recommend this book.</p>	
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