

# Year 9 & 10 Reading Rock Stars

## What is expected of you?

As a Year 9 or Year 10 student, you are expected to take a more independent approach to your reading. You should continue to read regularly and to develop reading as something that you do for both learning and enjoyment.

As you continue to enjoy a good range of books, you will need to submit one to two reviews per term to The Reading Rock Stars Google Classroom.

## Rewards:

Every time you submit a successful review, you will receive either 1, 3 or 5 positive points on GC depending on the quality of your review and merits will be awarded accordingly.

## PIZZA PARTIES!

At the end of each term, the [English group/students](#) with the most successful reviews submitted will win a [pizza party/ prize](#).

**READ MORE... REVIEW MORE... EAT MORE PIZZA!**



## Reading Rock Stars Challenge Grid:

This year, to broaden your experiences as a reader, you should aim to read at least 8 books from categories on the grid below (one – two books per term):

Read a graphic novel.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book personally recommended to you by the School Teacher  <input type="checkbox"/>	Seen the Film? Now read the book! (Speak to your English Teacher if you are unsure whether your favourite films have book versions.)  <input type="checkbox"/>
Choose a book from a new genre- not sure what your options are? Ask your English Teacher!  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a play.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book that your parent or guardian read when they were a child.  <input type="checkbox"/>
Read a book from this year's CILIP Carnegie Medal shortlist.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book that you tried reading previously but didn't finish.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book written during the Victorian era.  <input type="checkbox"/>
Read a book recommended to you by somebody older than 60.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book written by an author who is neither British nor American.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book that wasn't originally printed in the English language.  <input type="checkbox"/>

### What to include in your reviews:

- A title- choose a title that sums up your feelings about the book.
- A brief plot summary (that doesn't give the ending away!).
- Clear reasons for why you did or did not enjoy the book.

You can write your review in paragraphs or you can organise your review into sections using sub-headings, like in the example below...

Use this example to help you if you are stuck:

#### **Varjak Paw by SF Said: it really is the cat's whiskers!**

**The plot:** Varjak Paw is a pampered pet cat who knows there's more to life. His family tease him and don't understand his adventurous spirit. He is soon forced to venture beyond the garden wall to save his family from the mysterious and dangerous 'gentleman' and his two evil henchcats.

**The characters:** Varjak is a plucky little cat, out to learn about life. He teams up with Holly, a city cat who knows the dangers of the mean streets and Tam, a quality sidekick who is always hungry. Cludge is the last member of Varjak's team and is a hero - a big brown dog who strikes fear in those who don't stop to get to know him. In the city the snow-white gang boss Sally Bones is truly terrifying, her claws are sharp and her one blue eye sees all.

**Highlights:** Lots- the dream sequences; Varjak's first encounter with 'dogs'; the really gripping and blood-curdling fight scenes. Dave McKean's quirky illustrations were also a real highlight, adding to the atmosphere of menace.

**Any weak bits?** Not really. Even if you don't like cats, you can still enjoy this -it's more about personalities, being small in a big city and there's lots of action.

**Unputdownable?** Pretty much. The book is enthralling from the start and once the Gentleman appears, things get a bit dark!

- Taken from BBC Newsround

Score: 3

If you would like any further support, please speak with your English Teacher.