



Plainedge Middle School Summer Reading Presents:
AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION CHOICE BOARD

How to Participate:

-  Choose and complete three literacy-based activities from the choice boards.
-  For each activity you complete, **submit an artifact** (photo, document, link etc.) using the [Google Form](#).

 **Prizes:**

- 1+ Activities - Ice Cream
- 2+ Activities - Ice Cream & Pizza Party
- 3+ Activities - Ice Cream, Pizza Party and Entry into Book Raffle



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Read Across America

Read a book set in a different state. Talk to a friend or relative about what you learned about that state and how life is similar or different to life here, in New York.



Voices of America

Read about an important American such as Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, or Alexander Hamilton. Create a biography trading card with key facts.



America in Numbers

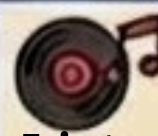


Read articles or a nonfiction book about U.S. history or geography. Create a graph or infographic showing statistics you learned (population, states, national parks etc.).



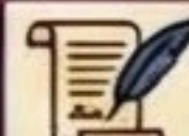
Science That Built America

Read about an American invention or scientific achievement (Apollo 11, Artemis II etc.). Make a visual, video or write a short paragraph explaining how it changed people's lives.



American Soundtrack

Listen to songs by an American artist such as Aretha Franklin or Billy Joel. Read about the musician and write a paragraph or make a video explaining what the music tells us about the time period.



Creative Literacy

Write a letter to America in 2076 describing what you hope the country will be like in 50 years. Include ideas about unity, respect, innovations or anything else you care about. As you write, underline at least 5 words that make your letter sound more formal and thoughtful.

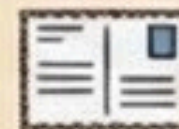


America 250 Scavenger Hunt

Visit and explore an American museum or cultural institution. Collect pictures as artifacts of the important information you learned on the hunt!



Road Trip Reader



Read a book that takes place somewhere in the United States. Create a postcard from a character's perspective describing what they see and their experience in that setting.



History Comic

Read about an important historical moment in the United States. Create a comic strip that shows the sequence of events and explains why this moment was significant.

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Diary of the Past

If you read historical fiction, write a diary entry about the time period the story takes place.



Quotes That Stick

Choose a quote from the book you read and explain why it struck you as important and meaningful.



Ask the Author

If you could interview the author, what five questions would you ask him/her? Why?



Cooking Up Some History

Check out a historical cookbook and take pictures of something you made using a recipe. (e.g., a colonial recipe, or WWII wartime recipe).



Soundtrack

Choose at least eight songs to create a soundtrack for the movie version of the book you read. Give a brief explanation for your choices.



Dear Character

Write an email to a character in the book you are reading offering your advice and opinion of their choices.



Future Predictions

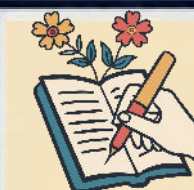
Write a short paragraph of what you think happens to the main character in the future.



Map Maker



Create a map, real or imaginary of the places mentioned in the setting of your book.



Pages into Poems

Write a poem as a companion to the book you read. It can be about one scene in the book or the book overall.

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Suggested Fiction Titles

- America Celebrates: The Most Incredible and Influential People, Places and Events of the Last 250 Years by Aubre Andrus
- The Ripple Effect by Rebecca Caprara
- The Eyes, The Fire, & The Impossible or The Eyes, The Fire & The Avalanche Kingdom by Dave Eggers
- The Sherlock Society series by James Ponti
- Slugfest OR Old School by Gordon Korman
- The Trouble with Heroes by Kate Messner
- Junius Leak and the Spiraling Vortex of Doom by Allan Wolf
- Fever 1793 OR Rebellion 1776 by Laurie Halse Anderson
- The First State of Being by Erin Entrada Kelly
- Unstuck by Barbara Dee
- The Liar's Society by Alyson Gerber
- Keeping Pace by Laurie Morrison
- Rocket Arm OR The Big Game by Tim Green
- Ice Dogs by Terry Lynn Johnson

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Suggested Nonfiction Titles

- The Six (Young Readers Edition): The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts by Loren Grush and Rebecca Stefoff
- The Amazing Generation: Your Guide to Fun and Freedom in a Screen-Filled World by Jonathan Haidt and Catherine Price
- World War II: Fight on the Home Front by Kate Hannigan
- King George: What Was His Problem? by Steve Sheinkin
- The Great Molasses Flood: Boston, 1919 by Deborah Kops
- Attacked!: Pearl Harbor and the Day War Came to America by Marc Favreau
- Mountain of Fire: The Eruption and Survivors of Mount St. Helens by Rebecca E. F. Barone
- The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation) by Daniel James Brown
- Call of the Klondike: A True Gold Rush Adventure by Dave Meissner
- The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery by Steve Sheinkin
- Warrior Dog (Young Readers Edition): The True Story of a Navy SEAL and His Fearless Canine Partner by Joe Layden and Will Chesney
- National Parks of the USA by Kate Siber

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Middle Grade Fantasy set in USA

- The Last Hope School for Magical Delinquents by Nicki Pau Preto
- Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell
- Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston
- Wildwood by Colin Meloy
- Percy Jackson and the Olympians OR Son of Asgard series by Rick Riordan
- Small Spaces by Katherine Arden
- Doll Bones by Holly Black
- Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi
- Savvy by Ingrid Law
- City of Ember series – Jeanne Duprau
- The Testing series - Joelle Charbonneau
- The Underland Chronicles - Suzanne Collins
- Keeper of the Lost Cities series - Shannon Messenger
- The Shadow Children series - Margaret Petersen Haddix

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The American experience through the eyes of some great authors

- Laurie Halse Anderson
- Joseph Bruchac
- Heather Vogel Frederick
- Alan Gratz
- Anthony Horowitz
- Ellen Klages
- Harry Mazer
- Gary Paulsen
- Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- Gordon Korman
- Mark Twain
- Louisa May Alcott
- Deborah Hopkinson
- Avi
- Richard Peck
- Ann Rinaldi
- Steve Sheinkin
- Jack London
- Patricia Pollacco
- Christopher Paul Curtis
- Patricia Reilly Giff
- Kirby Larsen
- Andrea Davis Pinkney
- Jerry Craft
- Sharon Creech
- Mike Lupica
- Gary D. Schmidt