

Summer Reading Author Graffiti Wall Guidelines

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Now that you've read some great books by some fantastic authors, your task is to create a graffiti wall showing what you learned about the author and the story. Think about how this author is unique and what you like about his/her writing style.

For this project, you must create 3 pieces to add to the graffiti wall:

1. Retell & Personal reflection – Write two short paragraphs:

a. Paragraph One – The Retell

- Retell an important part of the story. You may choose any scene or event from the book that you thought was especially memorable. Your retell must include 4 different elements: **BIG EVENTS** (what?), **SETTING DETAILS** (when? where?), **CHARACTER'S MOTIVATIONS** (why?), **CHARACTER'S FEELINGS** (how?)

b. Paragraph Two – Personal Opinion

- Write your personal thoughts about the story. A few suggested topics:
 - Give your opinion about the scene described in your retell. *How did it make you feel? What did you think about decisions the characters made? Etc.*
 - Share what you thought about the book as a whole. Give your personal review, or critique, of the story.
 - Discuss what you liked, or disliked, about the author and his or her writing style.

2. **Written response** – Find a classmate's personal reflection that you agree or disagree with, and respond to it in writing. Post your response on the wall, next to the piece you are responding to.

3. **One other piece of your own choosing-** A few ideas:

- Pictures or symbols- drawn by you or cut from a magazine or newspaper, that relate to the book you read (no pictures printed from the internet please)
- Words- your own thoughts, quotes from the book, character descriptions, funny dialogue, or information on the author. There's a lot of freedom here, so be creative and have fun!

By Tuesday, September 12th, your three pieces should be completed and posted on one of the four graffiti walls for all to enjoy!