

**REQUIRED READING FOR SUMMER 2019**  
**For students entering grade 5**

Dear Parents,

While many students have ambitious reading programs of their own, we feel that some direction on our part for all students is in order. In support of this belief, the reading teacher has prepared a summer reading requirement for students entering grade 5.

The requirement for students entering 5th grade is to read **two books**. **The books must be read before school starts on August 12, 2019.**

The requirement for students entering 5th grade is to read **1 book** from **each** of the attached lists of books. **The books must be read before school starts on August 12, 2019.** While reading their books, it is **required** for students to complete the attached graphic organizer for each book. The organizers will be due on the first day of school. During the first weeks of school, students will be expected to demonstrate that they read and understood their chosen books.

The East Baton Rouge Public Library would be an excellent source for books. Most local bookstores will have several of the titles and would assist you in ordering a title not on the shelves. Many, if not most, are available in paperback form. Unfortunately, borrowing from the school library is not an option – we're just not set up for circulation during the summer months.

If your child has already read several titles on the list, encourage him or her to select an "unread" title to read.

As always, thank you for your cooperation. Please feel free to email the reading teacher at [m.mackay@runnels.org](mailto:m.mackay@runnels.org) with any questions about the summer reading requirement.

Sincerely,

Marcia Mackay  
Principal

## SUMMER READING LIST FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 5TH GRADE IN 2019-2020

Choose one book from this list.

***Wildfire Run*** by Garretson, Dee

A relaxing retreat to Camp David turns deadly after a faraway earthquake sets off a chain of disastrous events that traps the president's twelve-year-old son, Luke, and his two friends within the compound.

***The PS Brothers*** by Boelts, Maribeth

Sixth-graders Russell and Shawn work together to earn money for a puppy to protect them from bullies. When they learn about a dog-fighting ring where dogs are often brutally injured, they are torn about how to respond.

***Pack of Dorks*** by Vrabel, Beth

Propelled from the coolest to the lamest after kissing Tom Lemmings, Lucy tries to navigate the social hierarchy of fourth grade.

***Pie*** by Weeks, Sarah

Alice's Aunt Polly passes away and entrusts the recipe for her world-famous pie crust to her cat, which she leaves in Alice's care. As everyone tries to discover the secret ingredients, Alice learns some important lessons about faith, love, and family.

***The Emerald Atlas*** by Stephens, John

Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared, but now they learn they have special powers, a prophesied quest to find a magical book, and a fearsome enemy. Book #1

***Closed for the Season*** by Hahn, Mary Downing

An unsolved murder and an amusement park, one supposedly closed for the season, set up a mystery that two 13-year-old boys are determined to solve.

***Benjamin Franklinshtein Lives!*** by McElligott, Matthew

While working on a science fair project, a Philadelphia schoolboy discovers both a secret laboratory in his basement and Benjamin Franklin, who comes to life after receiving a jolt of electricity. The coauthor is Larry Tuxbury. Book #1

***Ellie's Story*** by Cameron, W. Bruce

Trained since puppyhood as a search-and-rescue dog, Ellie can track and find people who are physically lost, but it is her owners, widower Jakob and lonely Maya, who challenge her to find a way to save people who are lost in other ways.

***The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*** by C.S. Lewis

When they are forced to leave London during WWII, four siblings find an adventure in the English countryside when they step through a wardrobe and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and waiting to be set free. As the first book in C.S. Lewis' beloved Narnia series, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* is filled with intriguing characters and a captivating plot. First published in 1950, this story has been brought to the stage and made into many movies; however, no matter where or how it is performed, the book will always be the best interpretation of this classic tale.

***Because of the Rabbit*** by Lord, Cynthia

Emma tags along with her game warden father on a routine call. They're supposed to rescue a wild rabbit from a picket fence, instead, they find a little bunny. Emma convinces her father to bring him home for the night.

***A Dog's Porpoise*** by Ross, MC

When a bad storm throws Bangor, a harbor porpoise, off course, he finds himself all alone in the harbor of Ogunquit, Maine. And he's not the only one who's lost in these wayward waters: Lars, a rowdy pup, is knocked overboard a nearby boat. With the help of a girl named Natalie, Bangor rescues Lars, and they become fast friends. But not everyone in the small town approves of this unlikely friendship.

**SUMMER READING LIST FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 5TH GRADE IN 2019-2020**  
**2019-2020 LYRC 3-5th Grade Nominated Title List**

**Choose a second book from the below list.**

***Army Brats*** by Daphne Benedis-Grab

When the Bailey family moves to an army base, Tom, Charlotte, and Rosie have lots to do. They get to make new friends, visit the huge pool, and, unfortunately, need to deal with the base bully.

***A Boy Called Bat*** by Elana K. Arnold

Bat's mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter. But the minute Bat (Bixby Alexander Tam) meets the kit, he knows they belong together. Book #1

***Jake the Fake Keeps it Real*** by Craig Robinson and Adam Mansbach

Having faked his way into the Music and Art Academy, sixth-grader Jake, a jokester who can barely play an instrument, will have to think of something quick before the last laugh is on him. The coauthor is Adam Mansbach. Book #1

***Lemons*** by Melissa Savage

After her mother dies in 1975, ten-year-old Lemonade must live with her grandfather in a small town famous for Bigfoot sightings and soon becomes friends with Tobin, a quirky Bigfoot investigator.

***Sled Dog School*** by Terry Lynn Johnson

When eleven-year-old Matt must set up a business to save his failing math grade, he overcomes his self-doubt and also gains two friends along the way.

***The Explorers: The Door in the Alley*** by Adrienne Kress

A shy boy's life is sent spiraling into adventure after a fateful day when he discovers a pig in a small hat and returns it to its home at the mysterious Explorers Club. The plot contains violence. Book #1

***Wedgie & Gizmo*** by Suzanne Selfors

When a bouncy, barky dog and an evil genius guinea pig move into the same house, the laughs are nonstop. Book #1

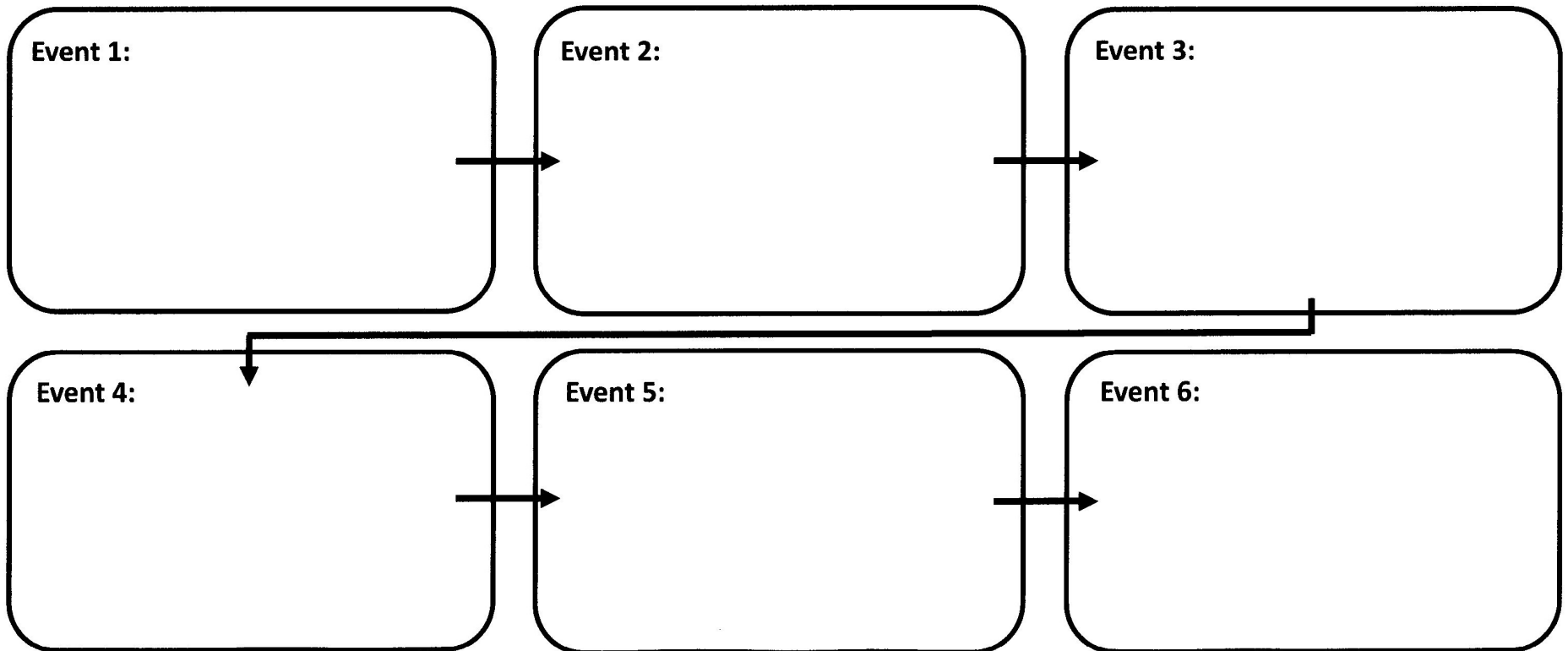
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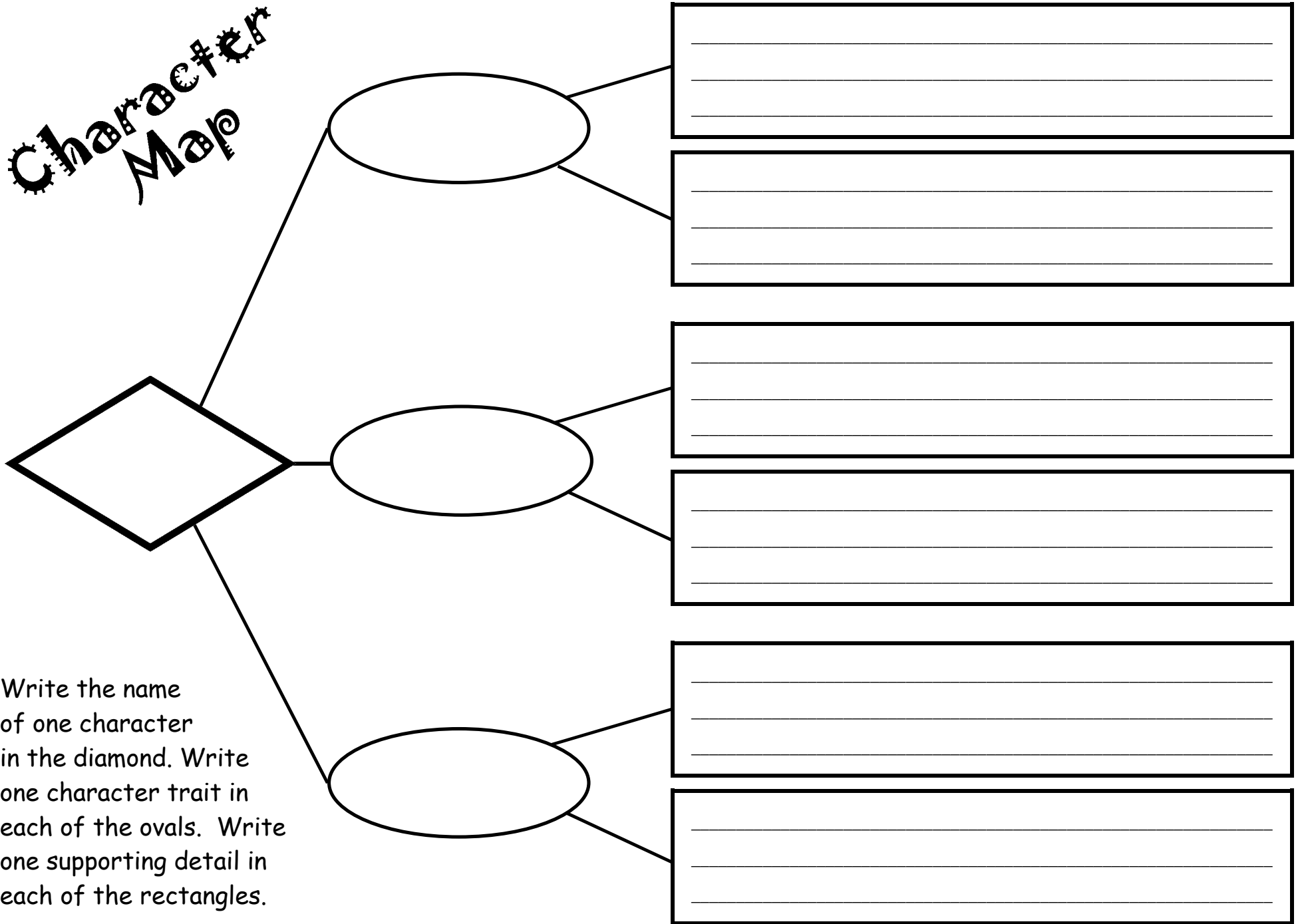
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**Characters:**

**Setting**  
**Place:**  
**Time:**



# Character Map



Write the name of one character in the diamond. Write one character trait in each of the ovals. Write one supporting detail in each of the rectangles.