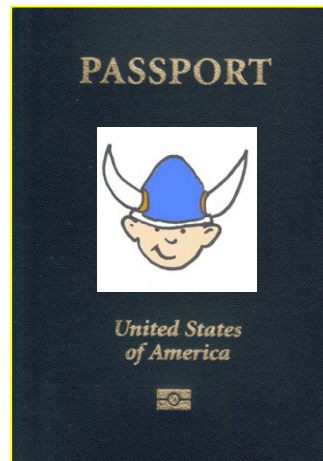


# the 4<sup>th</sup> grade passport project



all you need to know:

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## THE PROGRAM:

This program not only encourages deeper reading comprehension, but it exposes you to some really great books. More importantly, this project promotes life skills. You will learn about responsibility, time management, planning, perseverance, presentation strategies, and how to handle deadlines. This is not always easy for fourth graders, but it helps to take those steps to life-long learning and become independent thinkers.

## BOOK CHOICE:

In 4<sup>th</sup> grade, we support the Viking program! This is a list of books compiled yearly from our librarians around Geneva. Each year, there are new and exciting books nominated for students to read. Your requirement is to choose any **4 books** from one of the Viking lists. (See attached book list!) You will then choose a project to complete and present to the class!

\*Note – If there is a specific book that you would like to read that is not on the list, please see me!

## THE CONTENT:

### **Title & Author:**

This is where you obviously mention somewhere within your project the title of your Viking book along with the author!

### **Setting:**

The setting should tell when and where the story took place. If the story does not give you a specific time or place then you need to include a general place. Other things to mention include the time of year (ex. fall, spring, over a school year, from January to March, one day, etc.) If you can't tell the season or how long of a time frame your book is dealing with then you should reflect if the story took place in the past, the present, or the future.

### **Characters:**

Describe the main character and any other supporting characters who are important to the story. This could include:

- age
- boy, girl, animal, or creature
- personality traits (helpful, mean, a bully, a great friend to all, outgoing, shy etc.)

### **Summary:**

This is definitely the most challenging section. A summary retells the story in **about five to seven sentences**. Depending on the type of project you choose, the summary may be presented differently than sentence format. You need to include information about the **beginning, middle, and end**. Also, you should include the overall **problem and the solution** of the story.

**Recommendation:**

Would you recommend this book? Yes or no? Why? Be honest. You do not have to recommend every book. If you did not like the book and would not recommend it to a friend, that is fine and your grade will not be affected. This is your opinion, but you need to back it up either way.

**Theme:**

This is a chance for you to tell about the theme of the book. Reflect on the overall message of the book. (See attached "Common Themes in Literature" handout to assist with this part!) You do not have to use these themes, as they are just suggestions!

**Mechanics:**

For any written content, I will look for good old-fashioned sentence mechanics! Do you have well-constructed sentences? I will check for spelling, sentence fluency, and note taking guides, capitalization, and punctuation. This component may vary a bit depending on the type of project you choose, but be sure to edit and review your work for errors regardless!

**Presentation:**

A good presentation to the class can showcase all you know about your book? Do you know your material? Have you practiced at home? I will be looking for good eye contact, a projected voice, and overall knowledge of your content.

**Overall Effort:**

This is pretty self-explanatory. How hard did you try on this project? Neatness, organization, and effort all comes into play here. Try your best and give your all!

Overall reminder: Use details from the book in all sections that would prove that you have read the book and that you understood what you read. Do not repeat the same detail or event over and over.

**DUE DATES:**

All Passport Projects must be ready to present by the following *tentative* dates:

Project 1 – Week of Nov. 16th  
Project 2 – Week of Jan. 25th  
Project 3 – Week of March 22nd  
Project 4 – Week of May 24th

### HOW IS THE PROJECT GRADED?

- Grades are based on the rubric
- A 75% is needed to earn credit
- Goal is to learn from previous reports

### WEEKLY READING HOMEWORK:

Weekly Reading Homework Worksheets are required! This is a way of taking notes while reading. I encourage you to stop and think about what you are reading every 3-5 chapters. The weekly reading homework sheets help you to think deeply about what is happening in the book. We read to understand, not just to get to the end of the book. There are read and respond strategies that will help guide you in your thinking. These include summary, prediction, question, connection, and make a visual image.

Think of the Weekly Reading Homework Sheet as a training tool for the brain. Readers should stop and think about the plot, setting, time frame, how characters change, the rise and fall of action, the tone, mood, theme, symbols, and point of view. We are training brains to ask questions, make predictions and connections, as well as, wonder about the author's purpose.

**\*\*\*NOTE: All information about the Passport Program and Weekly Reading Homework Sheets can be found on our classroom website! When in doubt, ask for help!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

# Common Themes

found in literature

<b>Love</b> Literature with characters who show love to one another.	<b>Friendship</b> Literature with characters who develop trust and loyalty with one another.	<b>Courage</b> Literature with characters who take risks and show bravery to overcome a problem.	<b>Hope</b> Literature with characters who believe in a better world.
<b>Fairness</b> Literature with characters who treat or learn to treat one another in a fair way.	<b>Kindness</b> Literature with characters who are friendly and generous to others.	<b>Acceptance</b> Literature with characters who learn to accept and respect the others and their differences.	<b>Greed</b> Literature with characters who want more of something.
<b>Responsibility</b> Literature with characters who follow through with things they are supposed to do.	<b>Jealousy</b> Literature with characters who want things that others have.	<b>Revenge</b> Literature with characters who try to get back at someone.	<b>Bravery</b> Literature with characters who have strength and courage to overcome a fear or take a risk.
<b>Survival</b> Literature with characters who are faced with life or death situations and fight to survive.	<b>Peace</b> Literature with characters who work for freedom from disagreements.	<b>Cooperation</b> Literature with characters who work together to solve a problem or achieve a goal.	<b>Compassion</b> Literature with characters who understand how others are feeling and to make it better.
<b>Honesty</b> Literature with characters who feel it is best to tell the truth all of the time.	<b>Loyalty</b> Literature with characters who trust each other and never turn their backs on their friends.	<b>Perseverance</b> Literature with characters that never give up.	<b>Sportsmanship</b> Literature with characters who follow the rules of games and play fair.



# Passport Project Choice Board



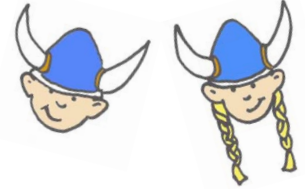
<p><b>Diary Entry –</b> Use the voice of a chosen character. Using all elements from the rubric express the character's thoughts, feelings, and ideas.</p>	<p><b>Book Jacket –</b> Create a book jacket for the book you read. Make sure it looks different from the actual book jacket. Include all rubric requirements.</p>	<p><b>Power Point –</b> Using your technology skills create a presentation using the elements from the rubric with vivid images and appropriate transitions.</p>	<p><b>Magazine Interview –</b> Create a 15 questions Q and A between a reporter and a character in the story. The answers should show what you know about the character in the story, along with required elements.</p>
<p><b>Movie Poster –</b> What would your book look like if it were a movie? Create a movie poster to represent that. Include critics' reviews and all required rubric parts.</p>	<p><b>Cereal Box Display</b> – Create a new cereal brand based on your book. The front box should have the name of your new cereal and a creative drawing. Cover the entire box using elements from the rubric.</p>	<p><b>Formal Book Report</b> – Using a traditional Passport form, fill out the required elements using sentences, captions, and pictures. See teacher for information on acquiring these forms.</p>	<p><b>Comic Strip –</b> Create a 5-picture comic strip showing 5 major events from the book in sequence. Include captions and dialogue bubbles to retell the story along with pictures and rubric requirements.</p>
<p><b>TV Commercial –</b> Using video, create a television commercial to advertise your book. Include rubric requirements.</p>	<p><b>Book Trailer –</b> Using a digital media tool, create a book trailer to encourage other students to read your book. Use appropriate visuals and voice-overs to add to the presentation. Include rubric requirements.</p>	<p><b>Poem/Song –</b> Create a poem or a song that summarizes the story and touches on all the rubric elements as well.</p>	<p><b>Your Own Ideal –</b> See your teacher for this one!</p>

# Passport Project Rubric

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Project # \_\_\_\_\_ Project Description \_\_\_\_\_



<b>Title &amp; Author</b>	0	—	—	—	4	5
<b>Setting</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Characters</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Summary</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Recommendation</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Theme</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Mechanics</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Presentation</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Overall Effort</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
						TOTAL POINTS
						_____/45

**Comments:**

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## VIKING BOOK LIST:

\*Denotes nonfiction books

### 2021 Young Viking Books

Sweeping up the Heart

By: Kevin Henkes

This was our Pact

By: Ryan Andrews

A Wolf Called Wander

By: Rosanne Parry

Nightbooks

By: J.A. White

Extraordinary Birds

By: Sandy McGinnis

Astro-Nuts: The Plant Planet

By: Jon Scieszka

Too Young to Escape

By: Ho Van

Greystone Secrets: The

Strangers

By: Margaret Peterson Haddix

Wings of Olympus

By: K. George

The Elephant Thief

By: Jane Kerr

I, Cosmo

By: Carlie Sorosiak

Words on Fire

By: Jennifer Nielson

Mananaland

By: Pam Munoz Ryan

Roll With It

By: Jamie Sumner

A Galaxy of Sea Stars

By: Jeanne Ferruolo

The Boy who Grew Dragons

By: Andy Shepard

Brightstorm

By Vashti Hardy

Cog

By: Greg Van Eekhout

Winterborne Home

By: Ally Carter



## 2020 Young Viking Books

Bob

By: Wendy Mass

Night Diary

By: Veera Hiranandani

\*Capsized: The Forgotten Story of  
the SS Eastland Disaster

By: Patricia Sutton

The Doughnut Fix

By: Jessie Janowitz

The Inkling

By: Kenneth Oppel

Soof

By: Sarah Weeks

The Season of Styx Malone

By: Kekla Magoon

The Miscalculations of Lightning  
Girl

By: Stacy McAnulty

Aru Shah and the End of Time

By: Roshani Chokshi

Chester and Gus

By: Cammie McGovern

Explorer Academy: The Nebula  
Secret

By: Trudi Trueit

Click

By: Kayla Miller

Lifeboat 12

By: Susan Hood

The Unteachables

By: Gordon Korman

Insignificant Events in the Life of a  
Cactus

By: Dusti Bowling

42 is Not Just a Number

By: Doreen Rappaport

The Remarkable Journey of  
Coyote Sunrise

By: Dan Gemeinhart

Genevive's War

By: Patricia Reilly Giff

Saving Winslow

By: Sharon Creech

Small Spaces

By: Katherine Arden

## 2019 Young Viking Books

\*The Boy on the Wooden Box

By Leon Meyson

Restart

By Gordon Korman

Dead Possums are Fair Game

By Taryn Souders

Beyond the Bright Sea

By Lauren Wolk

The Real McCoy's

By Matthew Swanson

At the Bottom of the World

By Bill Nye

One Good Thing about America

By Ruth Freeman

Horizon

By Scott Westerfield

A Boy Called Bat

By Alana Arnold

Vanderbeekers of 141<sup>st</sup> Street

By Karina Yan Glaser

The Explorer

By Katherine Rundell

The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street

By Lindsey Currie

Macy McMaillian and the Rainbow Goddess

By Sharri Green

Podkin One Ear

By Kieran Larwood

Family Game Night and Other Catastrophes

By Mary Lambert

Ben Franklin's in my Bathroom!

By Candice Fleming

Otherwise known as Possum

By Maria Laso

Me and Marvin Gardens

By A.S. King

The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle

By Leslie Connor

Strongheart

By Candice Fleming

## 2018 Young Viking Books

Save Me a Seat

By Sarah Weeks and Gita  
Varadarajan

Confessionas of an Imaginary  
Friend

By Michelle Cuabas

Ghost

By Jason Reynolds

Garvey's Choice

By Nikki Grimes

Full of Beans

By Jennifer Holms

Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story

By Nora Baskin

\*Terrible Typhoid Mary

By Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Dara Palmer's Major Drama

By Emma Shevah

Fortune Falls

By Jenny Goebel

The Ethan I Was Before

By Ali Standish

The Bicycle Spy

By Yona Zeldis McDonough

Gertie's Leap to Greatness

By Kate Beasley

Matchstick Castle

By Keir Graff

Wish

By Barbara O'Connor

Scar Island

By Dan Demeinhardt

Projekt 1065

By Alan Gatz

Real Friends

By Shannon Hale

The False Prince

By Jennifer Nielson

Going Wild

By Lisa McMann

## 2017 Young Viking Books

Adventures with Waffles

By Maria Park

The Boys in the Boat (Jr. Version)

By Daniel Brown

Crenshaw

By Katherine Applegate

Ellie's Story: A Dog's Purpose

By Bruce W. Cameron

Flashback Four the Lincoln Project

By Dan Gutman

Fuzzy Mud

By Louis Sachar

A Handful of Stars

By Cynthia Lord

Just Like Me

By Nancy J. Cavanaugh

Lawless

By Jeffrey Salane

Milo Speck: Accidental Agent

By Lori Urban

My Near Death Adventures

By Alison DeCamp

A Night Divided

By Jennifer Nielsen

Odd, Weird & Little

By Patrick Jennings

Pax

By Sara Pennypacker

The Seventh Most Important Thing

By Shelley Pearsall

Soar

By Joan Bauer

The Tale of Rescue

By Michael Rosen

Wake Up Missing

By Kate Messner

The War that Saved my Life

By Kimberly Bradley

The Way to Stay in Destiny

By Augusta Scattergood

## 2016 Viking Books

A Snicker of Magic

By Natalie Lloyd

Athlete vs. Mathlete

By W.C. Mack

Better to Wish

By Ann M. Martin

Echo: A Novel

By Pam Muñoz Ryan

Fish in a Tree

By Lynda Hunt

Future Flash

By Kita Murdock

Honey

By Sarah Weeks

I Represent Sean Rosen

By Jeff Baron

Loot

By Jude Watson

Lucky Strike

By Bobbie Pyron

Masterminds

By Gordon Korman

Rain Reign

By Ann M. Martin

Say it Ain't So

By Josh Berk

Stella by Starlight

By Sharon Draper

Story Thieves

By James Riley

Surrounded by Sharks

By Michael Northrop

The Fourteen Goldfish

By Jennifer Holm

The Great Trouble

By Deborah Hopkinson

Upside Down in the Middle of  
Nowhere

By Julie Lamaha

What We Found in the Sofa and  
How it Saved the World

By Henry Clar

## 2015 Viking Books

About Average

By Andrew Clements

Adventures of a South Pole Pig

By Chris Kurtz

\*Lincoln's Grave Robbers

By Steve Sheinkin

One Dog and his Boy

Eva Ibbotson

Serafina's Promise

By Ann Burg

Sky Jumpers

By Peggy Eddelman

Escape from Mr. Lemoncellos

Library

By Chris Grabenstein

What the Moon Said

By Gayle Rosengren

Red Thread Sister

By Carol Peacock

Hero

By Mike Lupica

Doll Bones

By Holly Black

Hypnotists

By Gordon Korman

The Lion Who Stole my Arm

By Nicola Davies

Tua and the Elephant

By R.P. Harris

The Short Seller

By Elissa Brent Weissman

The Secret Tree

By Natalie Standiford

Half a Chance

By Cynthia Lord

Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not  
Reading

By Tommy Greenwald

Winter Sky

By Patricia Reilly Giff

Starbounders

By Adam Epstein

## 2014 Viking Books

\*Animals Welcome

By Peg Kehret

Anything but Typical

By Nora Baskin

The Bad Apple

By T.R. Burns

Bliss

By Kathryn Littlewood

\*Candy Bomber

By Michael Tunnell

The Candy Smash

By Jacqueline Davies

The Case of the Mistaken Identity

By Mac Barnett

City of Orphans

By Avi

Fake Mustache

By Angelberger

The Fourth Stall

By Chris Rylander

Hidden

By Helen Frost

How to Beat the Bully without

Really Trying

By Scott Starky

Ice Island

By Sherry Shahan

Liar & Spy

By Rebecca Stead

The One and Only Ivan

By Katherine Applegate

The Second Life of Abigail Walker

By Frances O'Roark Dowell

The Seventh Level

By Jody Feldman

Three Times Lucky

By Shelia Turnage

## 2013 Viking Books

\*Amelia Lost: The Life and  
Disappearance of Amelia Earhart  
By Candace Fleming

The Candymakers  
By Wendy Mass

Champ  
By Marcia Jones

Freaky Fast Frankie Joe  
By Lutricia Clifton

Ghosts of the Titanic  
By Julie Lawson

Glory Be  
By Augusta Sacttergood

Lights on the Nile  
By Donna Jo Napoli

Melonhead  
By Katy Kelly

One for the Murphys  
By Lynda Hunt

Popular Clone  
By M. E. Castle

Secrets if Sea: A Novel  
By Richard Peck

Seeing Cinderella  
By Jenny Lundquist

Tuesdays at the Castle  
By Jessica Day George

The Unwanteds  
By Lia McMann

Wild Life  
By Cynthia Delfelice

Wild River  
By P. Petersen

The Willoughbys  
By Lois Lowry

Wonder  
By R.J. Palacio

\*World War II: An Interactive  
History Adventure  
By Elizabeth Raum

You'll Like it Here (Everybody Does)  
By Ruth White



## 2012 Viking Books

A Long Walk to Water

By Linda Sue Park

Abby Carnerlia's One & Only

Magical Power

By David Pogue

\*Christan the Lion

By Ruth Knowles

Crunch

By Leslie Conner

Fizzy Whiz Kid

By Maiya Williams

Ghost Dog Secrets

By Peg Kehret

Mission Unstoppable

By Dan Gutman

My Life as a Book

By Janet Tashjian

NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue,  
and Defense Society

By Michael Buckley

Nightmare at the Bookfair

By Dan Gutman

\*Orphan Trains: An Interactive  
History Adventure

By Elizabeth Raum

Secret Life of Ms. Finkleman

By Ben Winters

Strange Case of Origami Yoda

By Tom Angelberger

The Fantastic Secret of Owen  
Jester

By Barbara O'Connor

The Fast and the Furriest

By Andy Behrens

The Name of this Book is Secret

By Pseudonymous Bosch

The Shadows

By Jacqueline West

The Shark Attacks of 1916

By Lauren Tarshis

Turtle in Paradise

By Jennifer Holm

We the Children

By Andrew Clements

## 2011 Viking Books

Captain Nobody

By Dean Pitchford

Closed for the Season

By Mary Downing Hahn

Cosmic

By Frank Boyce Cottrell

\*Dewey the Library Cat: A True Story

By Vicki Myron

Eager

By Helen Fox

Eleven

By Patricia Reilly Giff

The Genie Scheme

By Kimberly Jones

Lucky: Maris, Mantle, and my Best Summer Ever

By Wes Tooke

The Magic Half

By Annie Barrows

Mahtab's Story

By Libby Gleeson

In Memory of Gorfman T. Frog

By Gail Donovan

The Mostly True Adventures of

Homer P. Figg

By W. Rodman Philbrick

The Night Fairy

By Laura Amy Schlitz

Out of my Mind

By Sharon Draper

Powerless

By Matthew Cody

The Red Pyramid

By Rick Riordan

Runaway Twin

By Peg Kehret

Signal

By Cynthia DeFelice

Sixty Eight Rooms

By Marianne Malone

Woods Runner

By Gary Paulsen

## 2010 Viking Books

All the Lovely Bad Ones

By Mary Downing Hahn

Becca at Sea

By Deirdre F. Baker

Dying to Meet You

By Kate Klise

Firegirl

By Tony Abbott

First Light

By Rebecca Stead

Found

By Margaret Peterson Haddix

Give Me Shelter

By Tony Bradman

Ibby's Magic Weekend

By Heather Dyer

Kenny and the Dragon

By Tony DiTerlizzi

\*Knucklehead

By Jon Scieszka

11 Birthdays

By Wendy Mass

Lost and Found

By Andrew Clements

Masterpiece

By Elise Broach

The Rising Star of Rusty Nail

By Lesley M.M. Blume

Schooled

By Gordon Korman

Sent

By Margaret Peterson Haddix

Stolen

By Vivian Vande Velde

Swindle

By Gordon Korman

\*Three Cups of Tea

By Sarah L. Thompson

The White Giraffe

By Lauren St. John

## 2009 Viking Books

Attack of the Turtle

By Drew Carlson

A Bear Named Trouble

By Marion Dane Bauer

Edward's Eyes

By Patricia MacLachlan

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking

Rat

By Lynne Jonell

Escaping the Giant Wave

By Peg Kehret

Ghost's Grave

By Peg Kehret

Jack Plank Tells Tales

By Natalie Babbit

Kensuke's Kingdon

By Michael Morpurgo

Lowji Discovers America

By Candace Fleming

\*Marooned: The Strange but True

Adventures of Alexander Selkirk,

the Real Robinson Crusoe

By Robert Kraske

Paint the Wind

By Pam Muñoz Ryan

Regular Guy

By Sarah Weeks

The Seven Wonders of Sassafras

Spring

By Betty Birney

The Puzzling World of Winston

Breen

By Eric Berlin

The Tail of Emily Windshap

By Liz Kessler

Where I Live

By Eileen Spinelli

Witch Catcher

By Mary Downing Hahn

