**INDEPENDENT READING GOALS:**

By your next ELA class you should have read ***at least***: **4** Challenging novels, or **8** Just Right novels, or **16** Candy novels, or any combination of novels suggested.

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| ***CHALLENGE ME* BOOKS (4)** | ***JUST RIGHT* BOOKS (8)** | ***CANDY* BOOKS (16)**  |
| These books make you work either because they are slightly above your reading level or because they are out of your comfort zone. These are usually “Classics” or of high literary merit and recognition. | These books are considered to books that are more popular reads, but still offer literary depth. They are easier to read than “challenge me” books, but definitely more work than a “candy” book.  | These books are just for fun and relaxation; they can be called “beach” reads because they are simple or usually **Young Adult** (YA) novels. These cannot be your main diet if you want to succeed in 10-1, 20-1, or 30-1!!!!! |
| ***Some of these books might include ….**** *A Tale of Two Cities*
* *Pride and Prejudice*
* *Jane Eyre*
* *Frankenstein*
* *A Poisonwood Bible*
* *Plato’s Republic*
* *The Stone Carvers*
* *The Hero’s Walk*
* *Einstein’s Dreams*
* *The Importance of Being Ernest*
* *Antigone*
* *Oedipus*
* *The Odyssey*
* Shakespeare’s plays
* *The Lord of the Rings* series
* *Crime and Punishment*
* *Heart of Darkness*
* *The Outsider (Albert Camus)*
* *Wuthering Heights*
* *The Stone Angel*
* *The Grapes of Wrath*
* *Dracula*
* *I know Why the Caged Birds Sing*
* *1984*
* *Animal Farm*
* *Brave New World*
* *The Handmaiden’s Tale*
* *The Wars*
* *The English Patient*
* *One Hundred Years of Solitude*
* *Beloved*
* *Ayn Rand*
* *The Picture of Dorian Grey*
 | ***Some of these books might include ….**** *To Kill a Mockingbird*
* *The Book Thief*
* *The Secret Life of Bees*
* *The Kite Runner*
* *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café*
* *Night*
* *The Bean Trees*
* Stephen King novels
* John Grisham novels
* *Into Thin Air: … the Mount Everest Disaster*
* *Life of Pi*
* *Lord of the Flies*
* *The Alchemist*
* *The Road*
* *Apollo 13*
* *Arthur Miller plays (Death of a …/ Streetcar)*
* *A Doll’s House*
* *Stephen Hawking: Quest for a Theory of Everything*
* *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo series*
* *The Book of Negroes*
* *Catcher in the Rye*
* *Of Mice and Men*
* *The Wizard of Earthsea series*
* *I Robot*
* Mark Twain novels
* *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*
* *Ender’s Game*
* *The Joy Luck Club*
* *Cry, the Beloved Country*
* *Fahrenheit 451*
* *Jodi Pocoult books*
* *The Glass Castle*
* *Water for Elephants*
 | ***Some of these books might include ….**** *The Gossip Girl* series
* *The Hunger Games* series
* *The Twilight* series
* *The Harry Potter* series
* *The Alex Rider* series
* *The Percy Jackson* series
* Phillip Pullman books
* William Bell novels *- Forbidden City*
* *The Outsiders (Hinton)*
* *The Pearl*
* *Eragon series*
* *Artemis Fowl series*
* *Freak the Mighty*
* *Speak*
* *Monster*
* *Anne Frank*
* *Manga*
* *Flowers in the Attic*
* *Uglies series*
* Jane Yolen books
* Lois Lowry books
* Kenneth Oppel books
* C.S. Lewis books
* *Peter Pan*
* *Anne of Green Gables*
* Chicken Soup books
* Musician biographies
* Sports biographies

\*many Scholastic Level books |

*i.e.: You could choose 4 Candy books, 2 Just Right books, and 2 Challenge Me books.*