SSR 600 pages! Yes, let’s read and talk.

1. During in-class Sustained Silent Reading (SSR), you may read any fiction or non-fiction book **that you haven’t read before**. Your textbooks or class assignments may not be used as SSR books.
2. You must have your SSR book in class **every Friday**. If you do not, I will have an assignment to help you develop your reading skills, and you will have to make up the pages in your SSR book on your own time. If you do not read your SSR book or complete the assignment, you will lose 5 points off your semester grade for the assignment (first time, the most you can earn is a 95%, second time—90% and so on).
3. Get your book from any source – RHS library, a public library, home, borrow from a friend, or buy from a book store. E-readers and phones **are not allowed for SSR.**
4. SSR will count as a 100-point summative assignment each semester. To receive full points, you must successfully report on 600 pages per semester. It is the total number of pages you read that will determine your grade, not the number of books.
5. If you read more than the required number of pages in the first semester, the extra will carry over to second semester’s grading period. The scale is as follows:

**A = 540-600**

B = 480-539

C = 420-479

D = 360-419

F = 300-359

0 = 299 or fewer (40%)

1. Books with pictures (e.g., graphic novels, biographies, poetry, etc.) are great, but will count for fewer pages. Come see me to discuss a reasonable page count.

1. You will need to read outside of class time to meet the 600-page goal. I recommend 4-6 pages a day. If you complete the required number of pages early, I still expect you to read a book during SSR every week.
2. When you are nearly finished with a book, sign up for a book talk with me. Book talks will take place during SSR or after school by appointment. **You won’t get credit for reading your book until you have successfully completed a book talk.** Your job is to convince me that you have read the book. Be prepared to answer specific, detailed questions about your book—not just provide a plot summary. Book talks are about 10 minutes long.
3. You are allowed to complete only **one book talk per day**.
4. If you try to report on a book and are not able to convince me that you read it, I will record this, and you will not receive credit for the book.
5. You may **abandon** a book that you don’t like anywhere within the window of 25-to-75 pages. This means that you must read at least 25 pages before you ditch the book, but you won’t get credit for anything beyond 75 pages that you read.See me to complete an abandonment book talk before you get rid of the book.
6. You must have the book with you to do a book talk. **No book = No book talk.** I will need to see and hold your book during the book talk.
7. You may take notes while you read and use those notes during the book talk. Sticky notes work especially well for this.
8. I will keep track of your total pages and the books you have completed. You may ask to look at my notes at any time.
9. Books made into movies and TV shows are great! However, you will earn a total of 2/3 of the actual pages for the book. For example, if you read a Harry Potter book that is 759 pages, you will receive credit for 506 pages. You are responsible for knowing whether there was a movie or TV show made about your book.
10. Book talks will stop the Friday before the last full week of classes before exams.

HAPPY READING!!!