

Reading Merit Badge Worksheet

Your Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Date Starting This Merit Badge: _____

Counselor's Name: _____

How to Contact Your Counselor: _____

Note to the Scout and Merit Badge Counselor:

This set of worksheets is meant to facilitate earning this merit badge, but under no circumstances is it meant to be used in lieu of the appropriate BSA merit badge book.

1. Learn how to use the library (card file or computer), and with the assistance of your counselor or your librarian, select six books of four diverse types (such as poetry, drama/plays, fiction, nonfiction, and biographies).

| <u>Type of book:</u> | <u>Title:</u> | <u>Author:</u> | <u>Library Call Number:</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Poetry | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Drama / plays | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Fiction | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Nonfiction | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Biographies | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Six books selected and read: _____ Date: _____

After you have read this material, discuss your reading with the counselor or librarian. Using your log as a reference, explain:

Why you chose the material: _____

Whether you enjoyed it: _____

What it meant to you: _____

Completed: _____ Date: _____

2. Read two books or material from any two sources (magazines, newspapers, field manuals, etc.) about the world around you (sports, environmental problems, politics, religion, etc.) and discuss your reading with your counselor.

Book/material: Author: Found at:

Completed: _____ Date: _____

3. From a catalog of your choice, fill out the application as if you intended to place an order, and discuss it with your counselor.

Catalog used: _____

(Order/application attached)

Completed: _____ Date: _____

4. Choose ONE of the following activities and devote 4 hours of service to that activity:
- a. Read to a sick, blind (contact the American Foundation for the Blind at 1-800-232-5463), or homebound person, in a hospital or in an extended-care facility.
 - b. Perform volunteer work at your school or public library.
 - c. Read stories to younger children, in a group or individually.
 - d. Assist in a literacy program (Project Literacy may be contacted at 1-800-228-8843 for information about the nearest library center) and discuss your participation with your counselor.

Activity chosen: _____ Date completed: _____

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In completing all requirements for this merit badge, I have completely read the appropriate BSA merit badge book, and discussed same with my counselor.

signed

date

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