

# How to Prepare for Name That Book

# General Tips

- You do not need to buy the books! Once school starts, we should have 2 copies of every title that you can borrow. HPL and Bellaire Library will have all titles in their catalog. You can get on the hold lists now!
- What kind of learner are you? This can help you decide if you want to write down your quotes, record them and listen to them later, or flag the pages of certain quotes and go back to reread.

# General Tips

- What makes a good quote? What do I look for?
  - Sentences with vivid imagery or details
  - Sentences that are unique but that don't give away characters, main plot points, etc. (They will not choose a generic sentence, such as, "It had been a very long day.")
  - In picture books, the sentences may be a bit more generic, but they try to avoid it.

# Picture Books

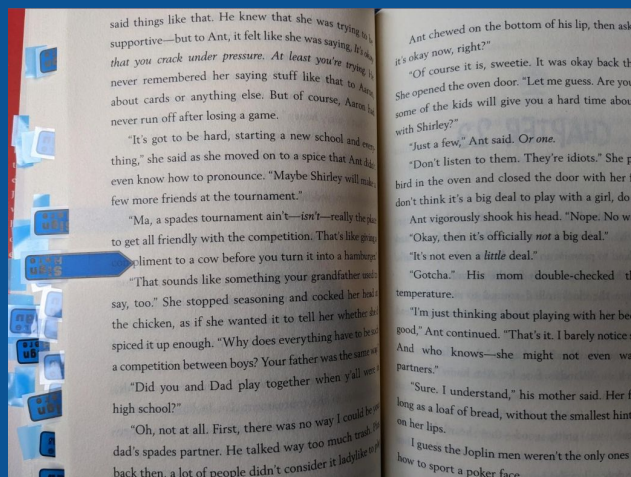
- Write down every sentence that does not have an obvious clue in it (character name, title, or other obvious clue).
- Phrases could be quotes if they are stand-alone phrases. They will not use part of a complete sentence.
- Pay attention to the author's "voice." Is there a familiar pattern or vocabulary they use?

# Chapter Books

- There is no way to know exactly what quotes will be chosen. Any sentence in the book is eligible.
- You may want to read the book first, all the way through, without stopping to think about quotes. Just get a good idea of what the book is about, including setting, characters, past/present/future, author's voice, etc.
- When you read it a 2nd time, stop when you find a quote that stands out to you and write/record it.

# Chapter Books

- If you don't have time to read the book twice, one strategy is to use post-it style flags. As you're reading, when you read a good quote, just flag it so you can study/write it down later.



# K-2 Sample Quotes from 2022-2023

- You might paint a masterpiece, stunning and grand.
- Being lazy is making me very hungry.
- A whole page of text looked like a wall keeping me out.
- Failure is a stepping stone to success.
- It was absolute madness.
- Everything was beautiful. It was a special day after all.

# 3-5 Sample Quotes from 2022-2023

- The moonlight was enough. It would do.
- I think everyone feels embarrassed by their family sometimes.
- Once she discovered a curious figurine that looked a bit like her.
- You knock at once, you whistle, you wait, you wonder.
- It's not easy to run in the dark.
- This is a neighborhood matter. It's none of your business.