



## Middle School Summer Reading Project (Students entering grades 6-8)

**“The seeking of knowledge is obligatory upon every Muslim.” - Prophet Muhammad SAW**

### The Prophet Challenge (Must Complete)

Read a story about **two prophets** and write or draw:

- One lesson learned
- One way to practice it

### Character Builder

Read for 20–30 minutes and identify the following in the Prophet’s stories.

- Honesty
- Patience
- Kindness
- Courage

All students will read stories about two Prophets (peace be upon them) throughout the summer.

In addition, students must select **three books** from the list below and complete **one project for each book** they read, along with creating a reading journal, as shown below.

### Islamic & Muslim-Themed Books

- The Sealed Nectar (adapted youth editions available)
- Stories of the Prophets
- Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns (younger readers but enjoyable for all ages)
- Amina's Voice
- More to the Story
- Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet

## **Historical Fiction**

- Refugee
- Number the Stars
- Chains
- Esperanza Rising
- The War That Saved My Life

## **Science & Nonfiction**

- Hidden Figures Young Readers' Edition
- Who Was Albert Einstein?
- Bomb
- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
- National Geographic Kids Almanac

## **Character-Building Fiction**

- Wonder
- Fish in a Tree
- Out of My Mind
- The Penderwicks
- Restart

# **Reading Journal**

After every book, answer:

## **Book Information**

- Title:
- Author:
- Pages:

## **Reflection Questions**

1. What was the main message?
2. Which character showed good character?
3. What mistake did a character make?
4. What Islamic value connects to this book?
5. What lesson can you apply in your life?

# Project Options

Complete **3 activities**.

## **Option 1: Design a Book Cover**

Create a new cover for your favorite book.

## **Option 2: Character Interview**

Write 10 interview questions and answers for a main character.

## **Option 3: Comic Strip**

Retell an important scene in comic form.

## **Option 4: Book Trailer**

Create a 1–2 minute video promoting the book.

## **Option 5: Timeline**

Make a timeline of major events.

## **Option 6: Compare and Reflect**

Compare a lesson from the book with an Islamic teaching.