

FACE-A-BOOK: The Reading Challenge

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About the Project

Face a Book (FaB) Challenge is a summer reading programme to promote a strong reading habit during the summer holidays, followed by year-long activities to evaluate its effectiveness.

Objectives

The basic objectives of the project are,

1. to help the students to enjoy reading more and motivate them to read for pleasure
2. to develop critical reading skills like comprehension, speed, note taking and referencing
3. to encourage critical thinking, innovation and creativity
4. to make the students lifelong readers and learners

Project Planning

Stage-1

1. Fifty (50) students, divided into two groups (Age 11-14 and Age 15-17), are selected for the Project as **FaB Challengers**. They have registered on the project website.
2. Fifty Books are selected from the Library based on their content and the age of the reader.
3. Each FaB Challenger has been given a Book.

Stage-2

1. Each FaB Challenger has to prepare a scrapbook entitled "*My Little Book on _____*", with a review of the selected book, author profile, bibliography (list of books by the author or written on the book), character sketches, new words/phrases, drawings, paintings, quizzes, quotations, images, comments, references, etc. The scrapbook shall be submitted at the time of reopening.
2. The FaB Challengers will be provided with access to the project blog, where they can post contents like reviews, comments, critical analysis, notes, studies and recommendations
3. A one minute video of the FaB Challenger will be shot in which he/she has to present a review of the book. The videos will be uploaded in to the project website.

4. The FaB Challengers have to present an item on the book in the School Assembly.

Stage-3

1. A FaB Challenger will act as an authority on the particular book and the author.
2. All FaB Challengers will be honoured with 'Fab Challenger' badges and participation certificates.

Stage-4

1. All FaB Challengers will be evaluated throughout the Project period and graded accordingly. Based on the performance they will be awarded at the end of the project.

Now the Project is in its Second Stage. You may visit the Project website www.facebook.info to see the FaB Challengers and what they are doing.

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