

THE Pencil Pusher



For Creative Kids!

What Kind of Summer Reader Are You? QUIZ!

A Quiz from the Editor,
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Summer! The schedule is new. The vibes are new. YOU are new. You just finished up the school year, and now you get a little time back to yourself.

I actually *like* **reading** when I have extra time—exploring different kinds of stories, getting ideas for my own books, and learning about new things! Does that make me a **nerd**? Maybe. But I'm cool with that :) And if you are too, take the quiz below to find out what kind of summer reader you are and the books I think you'll dig this summer...

1. When school is out for the summer, I feel...

- Pumped for next year!
- Ready for a relaxing vacay getaway.
- I never want to see a book again!
- Happy to sleep late, and have no plans.

2. My favorite kind of book is:

- The kind that wins fancy awards.
- Fantasy or mystery.
- This is a trick question!
- Quick-paced and relatable.

3. My ideal summer day is:

- Grabbing school supplies early before the good stuff is gone.
- By the pool of course!
- Video games, eat, sleep, and repeat.
- Making forts, mudpies, or seashell crafts.

4. I really like characters who:

- Overcome super-tough circumstances.
- Aren't from this world.
- Funny only—is this another trick question?
- Are a lot like me and face similar troubles.

5. I tend to like my reads:

- Wordy and deep.
- Epic and wild.
- No and thanks.
- With pictures/panels.



Count up your letter scores.
See back for results!



Mostly A's – The Brainy Reader:

You have high taste in books and enjoy learning about many different things. You may already have a stack of books to read this summer to prepare for next year's reading competition. Reading challenge? Bring it!

This summer, Brainy Readers may enjoy...



Mostly C's – The Non-Reader:

Summer reading? Why?! You've got the whole summer to do whatever you want and reading is not invited. No problem! Just don't "close the book" on reading forever. I bet you'll find a book that floats your boat one day.

This summer, Non-Readers may enjoy...



Mostly B's – The Escapologist:

You want to get away from reality for a while and go to far-off places with brand-new faces (even if only in your mind). You are the type to take a breezy book to the beach or solve a page-turning mystery from the comfort of your backyard hammock.

This summer, Escapologist Readers may enjoy...



Mostly D's – The Creative Reader:

Creative readers tend to like visual stories with pictures and panels. You may enjoy making art yourself (like drawing or singing), but one thing's for sure – you can find beauty and wonder in almost anything, no matter how ordinary.

This summer, Creative Readers may enjoy...



What did the Pencil People do this summer?



ART CONTEST!

What did the Pencil People do this summer? I don't know. You tell me by using your stickers to create a "summer scene" on a half-sheet of paper. Think outside the box, draw the background, and add speech balloons if you like. Then, have a parent submit your art entry at ShandaMc.com/PencilPusher. Shanda will choose her favorite 2 to be printed in the next newspaper! ALL the entries will be featured on Shanda's blog/email newsletter!



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