



Summer Reading for Rising 5th Graders 2019

5th grade students will need to read **two** required book.

They will read and complete an assignment for *Becoming Naomi León* and *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain*

3) The assignments will be due on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 21, 2019

Teachers will follow up with additional meaningful discussions and assignments in class once school resumes, and this may include a quiz on the material.

1st Book: *Becoming Naomi León* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

"I always thought that the biggest trial in my life was my name, Naomi Guadalupe Zamora Outlaw, but little did I know that it was the least of my problems, or that someday I would live up to it."

One evening, everything Naomi has known with Gram and her little brother begins to unravel. Naomi's mother wants to kidnap her. Gram is willing to go to the end of the earth to save Naomi, but will that be enough? A quiet life in Lemon Tree, California, becomes a runaway journey to find an estranged father in exotic Oaxaca, Mexico.

2nd Book: *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain* - Author: John Fleischman
Science writer John Fleischman uses a clipped, engaging expository style to tell the incredible story of the railroad worker who, in 1848, survived the piercing blast of a 13-pound iron rod as it entered below his cheekbone and exited the front of his skull.

The assignment for *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain* will be STREAM activities that will be completed during the first weeks of school.

Assignments-Part I and Part II for *Becoming Naomi León*

In the story, Naomi travels in an airbus/motorhome called Baby Beluga.

On a poster board you will draw a big airbus and then cut it out. If you search on the website, **picture of baby beluga in Becoming Naomi Leon**, you will see an image of the airbus/motorhome.

Choose 5 out of the following activities and decorate the airbus with your answers.

Everyone must do # 1

1. Naomi does not like her name. Kids make fun of it. On a large, colorful index card write your full name and answer the following questions. Make sure your name and answers are written neatly.
 - a) What does your name mean?
 - b) Ask your parents why they gave you that name.
 - c) If you could change your name what would be your new name and why?

Now choose **5** of the activities.

1. Research Lemon Grove, California. Name five facts about the town and include a picture.
2. Since the story setting is Lemon Tree (really Lemon Tree) research five facts about lemons and pictures of lemons.
3. There are Spanish words throughout the story. Make of list of ten Spanish found in the novel and translate the meaning into English.
4. The family travels to Oaxaca, Mexico. Using a google map print the route from Lemon Grove, California to Oaxaca, Mexico. Include the time it takes to get there and miles.
5. Like the United States, Mexico is divided into 31 states Along the route, the family passes through several important states in Mexico. List six facts about the City of Chihuahua, Mexico and include 2 pictures.
6. They also travel through San Luis Potosi. List six facts about state of San Luis Potosi. What is the relationship between the city of Soledad, located in the state of San Luis Potosi and Burlington, NC? Include 2 pictures of Soledad, Mexico and two pictures of Burlington, NC.
7. The family finally arrives in the state of Oaxaca. List six facts about Oaxaca and include three pictures.
8. While in Oaxaca, the family travels to the “Barrio of Jalatlaco”. List six facts about the Barrio of Jalatlaco and include 2 pictures.
9. What is the Festival of the Radishes? Include 3 pictures.

Part II- This is not optional

Carving- You must have parental supervision for this assignment.

Naomi loves to carve. You are to carve an animal from soap. Use the instructions given from the last three pages of the book.

