



Golden BOOK BASKET Bookmark

Recommended by _____

Title _____

Author _____

It's a golden book because:

My summary

Golden Book Basket Advertisements

Students do pay attention to what peers are reading, so anything you do to promote reading using this natural inclination is effective. Create a way to house these recommendations using a "Golden Book Basket." This collection of student and teacher recommended books represents the best of the best. Students can advertise any text they deem worthy of the illustrious golden book basket award.

The bookmark shown here is completed alone or with a fellow golden book basket nominator. This can be recorded by students or dictated to the teacher. A picture may be included on the back to give some insight to the selection. The thinking required to complete the bookmark will enhance comprehension as students reflect on each category. The teacher may also model this thinking by completing a teacher-recommended bookmark using oral think-aloud.

When a bookmark is completed, it is inserted into the book and placed in the golden basket. The basket should have a special place of honor in the classroom to serve as a rich resource for independent, buddy reading or read aloud. The basket is a wonderful way to promote classroom favorites for quick reading hook as a new book is drawn from the basket. The student who recommended it briefly advertises and reads a short sample.

The golden book basket will quickly become a classroom favorite as students take seriously the decision that goes into selecting books deserving of this royal designation. Bookmark categories reinforce key book features while the basket is a motivation for reading. We model the value we place on reading in this way in a meaningful way to light fires to continued reading. This engaged motivation is particularly important to connect our disengaged readers. We want do all we can to promote reading.

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