



# Common Threads

Stories have some common elements in them no matter the plot. They all have a place in time and a place in space (earth or otherwise). They all have characters whether those are people, animals or make-believe critters. They all have a plot which means that the characters do something, or solve a problem or have an adventure.

- ❖ Read for 105 minutes this week (15 minutes each day). 1 pt.
- ❖ Read the above description of what stories have in common. Choose one of the stories that you read this week. Can you find the setting (where), name the characters (who) and briefly **describe the plot in the space below?** 1 pt.
- ❖ “Cosplay” is when children, teens or adults dress up as a character that they know and they dress up just like they are dressed in the story to which they belong. Then they spend some time acting and speaking just as this character would sound. Choose a favorite character, dress like them and pretend to be them for a day (“spend a day in their shoes”!) and see if anyone can guess who you are pretending to be. **Write the name of the character that you were in the space below.** 1 pt.
- ❖ Build a model of the city or the home of any character using LEGO pieces, recyclables, cardboard tubes or whatever you have on hand. Create a name for the city or house, create a history and a story for it. Write those on a separate piece of paper. Remember to bring your creation to the library for display. 1 pt.
- ❖ Quilts have their very own stories. In the time of the Underground railroad messages were displayed for those seeking freedom in the North. Using 9 or 12 or 16 squares design a quilt that

tells your story. You can use fabric or gift wrap paper to place in between blocks to connect it all together. 1 pt.

- ❖ Draw the outline of a T shirt on a piece of paper. Design the pattern on the shirt so that if someone were to see it, they would know that it belongs to you. That might be the colors you choose, the patterns you create for it or the pictures you place on it. 1 pt.
- ❖ Use a pair of bargain store flip flops and create a pair of shoes that tell the world about you. You can decorate the straps with hot glue and gemstones. Or you can cut pieces of fabric (a piece of clothing that you have grown out of works well) in strips that are 1/2" wide by 2-4" long depending on how big your foot is. Fold them in half and slide the two loose ends through the folded hole. Make sure that the loose ends will point toward your toes. 1 pt.
- ❖ Try weaving your own "fabric". This can be done several ways. With the help of an adult cut slits in a piece of paper by folding it in half and starting at the folded end, cut within one inch of the open end. Cut strips of construction paper about 1" wide and alternate colors or use the same color as you slide the strips over and under, over and under. The next strip will go under and over, under and over. Fill the paper with your weaving and you have created a placemat for the dinner table!

- OR -

Try either of these alternate weaving methods. Remember to bring your projects to display at the library through the summer!

Embroidery hoop looms <https://bit.ly/2HvDvjV>

Paper plate looms <https://bit.ly/2UFPjUF>

1 pt.

