



AP Parent Night High School



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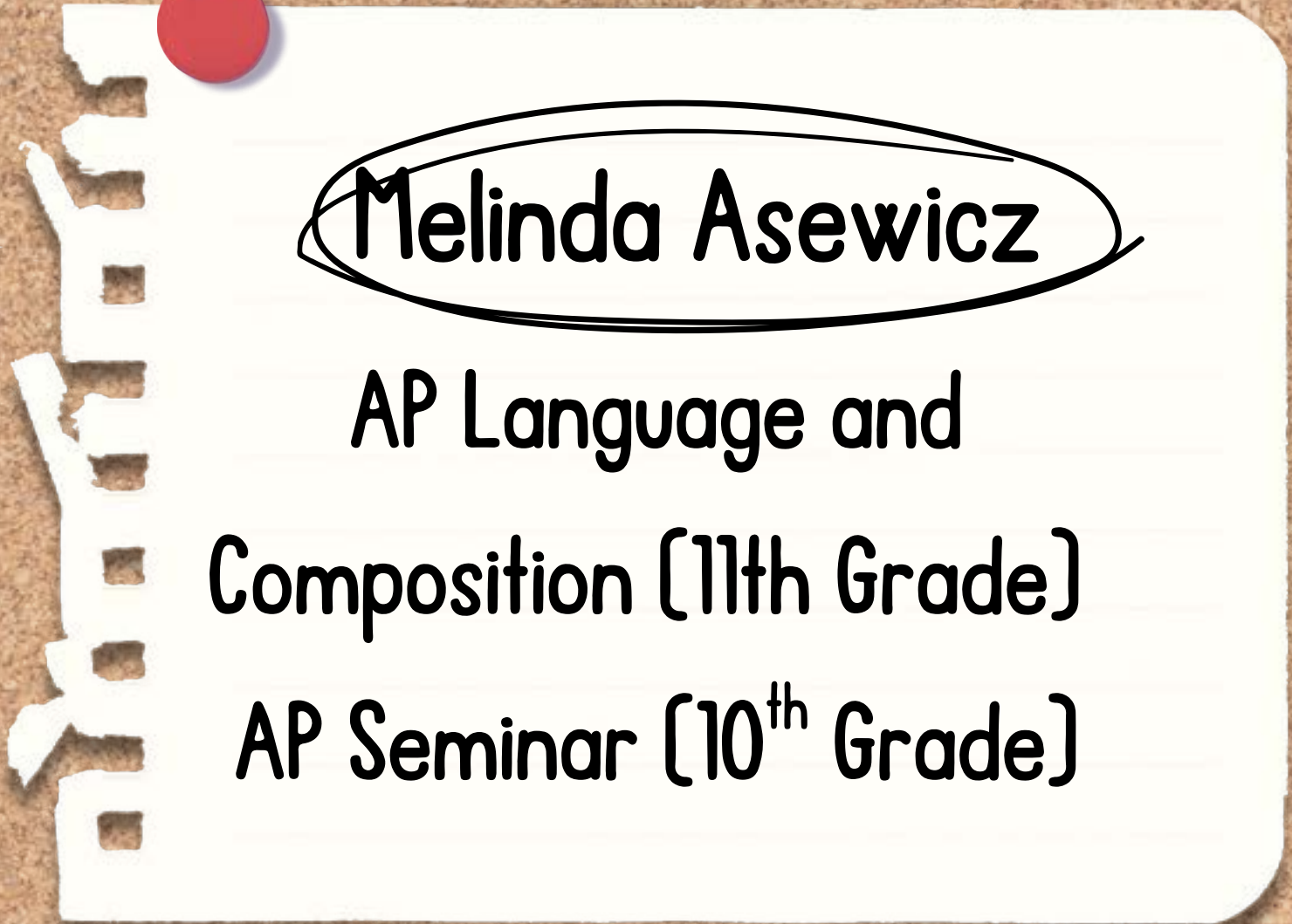
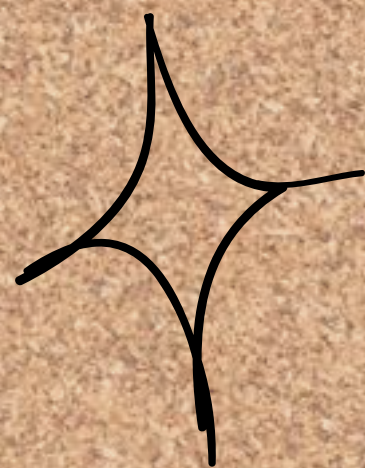


Preparing your Child for High Stake Exams



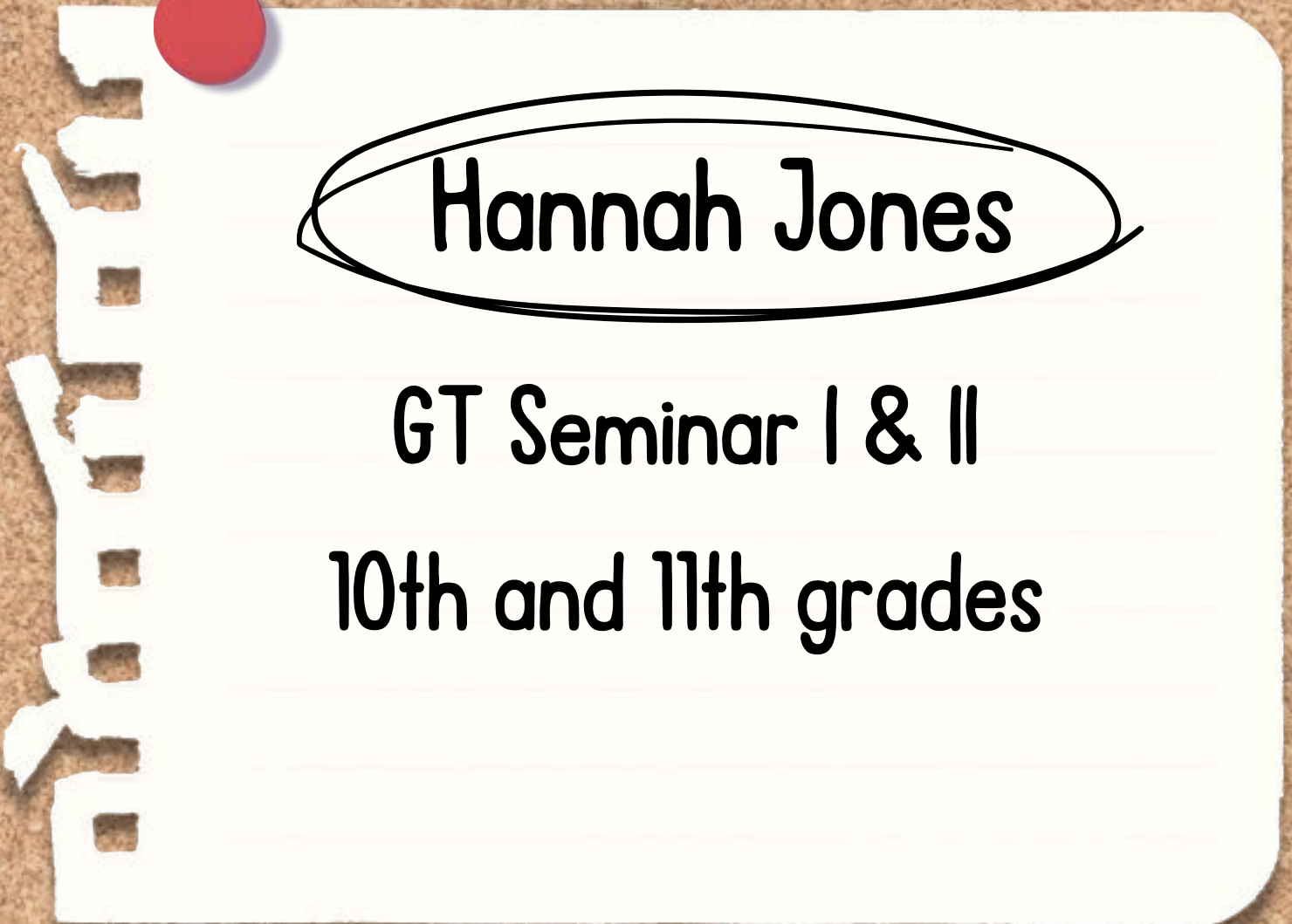
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AP Language and
Composition (11th Grade)
AP Seminar (10th Grade)



Hannah Jones

GT Seminar I & II
10th and 11th grades



PSAT

- Standardized test that occurs every October
- National Merit Qualifier
 - Highest academic achievement for students
- One shot test
 - Only counts for 11th grade, but can take it as practice during 10th grade year
 - There is a practice PSAT during the 9th grade year, but it is slightly different



PSAT

- National Merit is based off of the top 1% of students in the state
- This accolade comes with a significant financial benefit
 - Full paid packages
 - Auto-acceptance

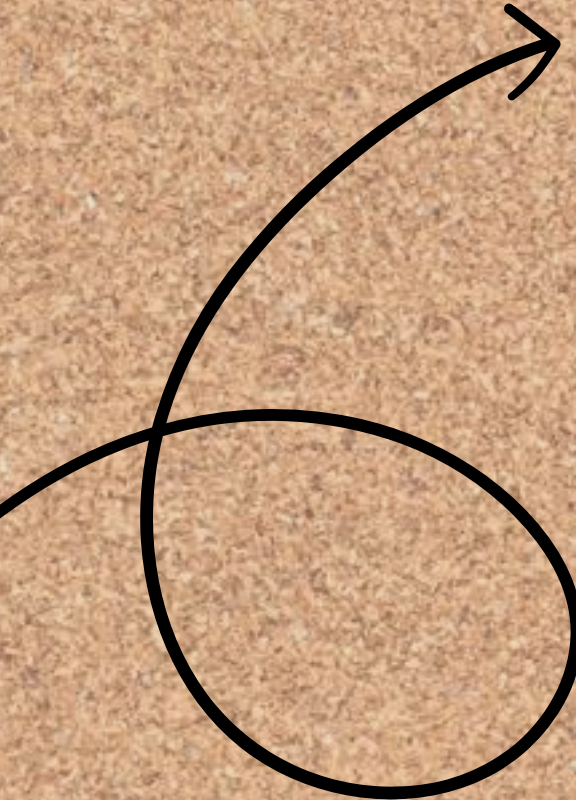


PSAT

- Tests Reading/Writing and Math
 - Split into 4 sections and adaptive
- Costs \$18 and optional to take unless in GT Seminar
- Digital



ACT

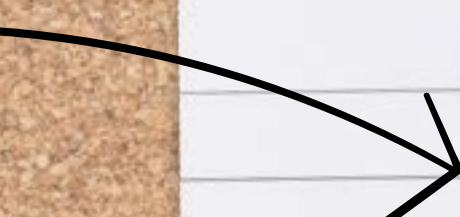
- Entrance exam for colleges
 - Many schools now say they don't consider ACT scores - marketing
 - Scores still needed for scholarships
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ACT



- 7 chances to take it a year
- Recommend taking it for the 1st time
April of 10th grade year
- Goal - have desired score by the end
of 11th grade year
- ALWAYS send scores to colleges -
every single test



Score: 19

- First goal score
- Need a 19 in all areas
- Remediation classes required if under a 19

Score: 26

- Where scholarship money typically starts.
 - A fairly reasonable goal for most AP level students
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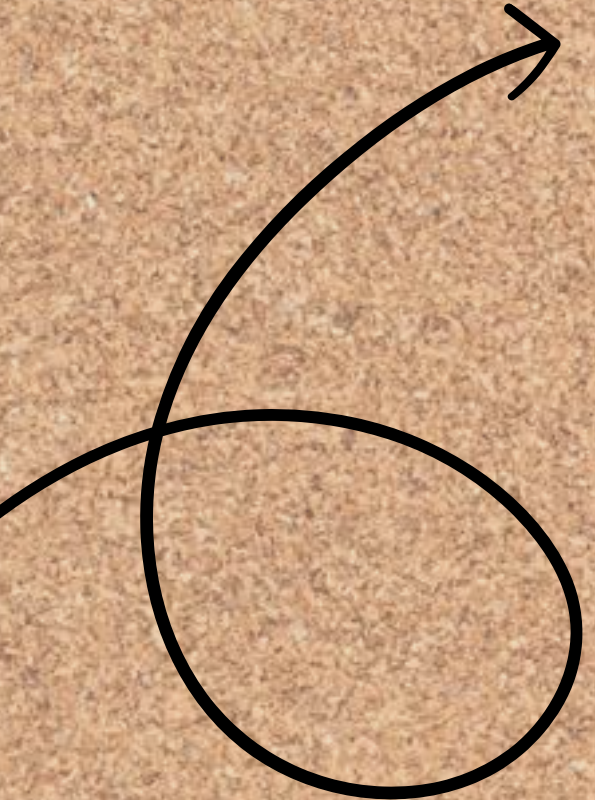


Score: 32

- The magic number in Arkansas
- Can receive \$40,000 Governor's Distinguished scholarship
- Will have a considerably easier time getting scholarships with this score

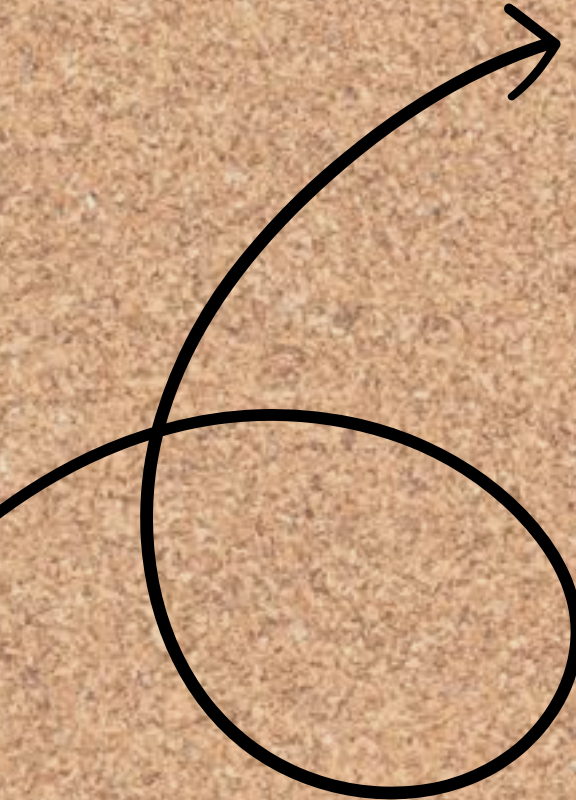


ACT

- 4 sections
 - English
 - Math
 - Reading
 - Science - now optional
 - Based on what a typical Junior should know
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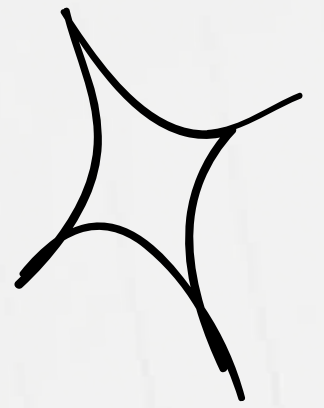


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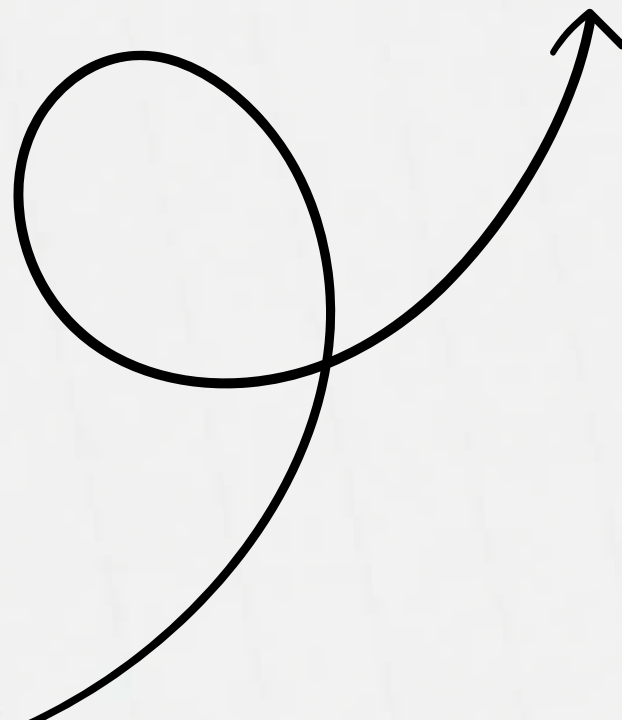
- Sign up for ACT on their website
 - www.act.org
 - Costs around \$80
 - Fee waivers available for some students - Free/Reduced Lunch
 - All juniors get one free ACT
 - February 24th this year
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How to Prepare

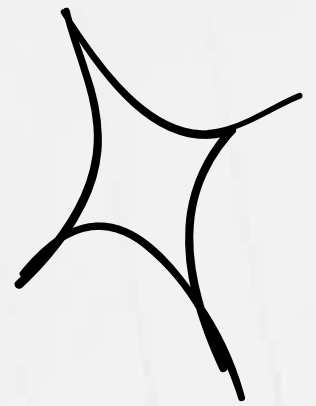


- GT Seminar I & II - 10th and 11th grade
 - Focuses heavily on test prep for high achieving students
 - Students must be in two Honors or AP level classes, one of which is English or Math to be allowed into the class

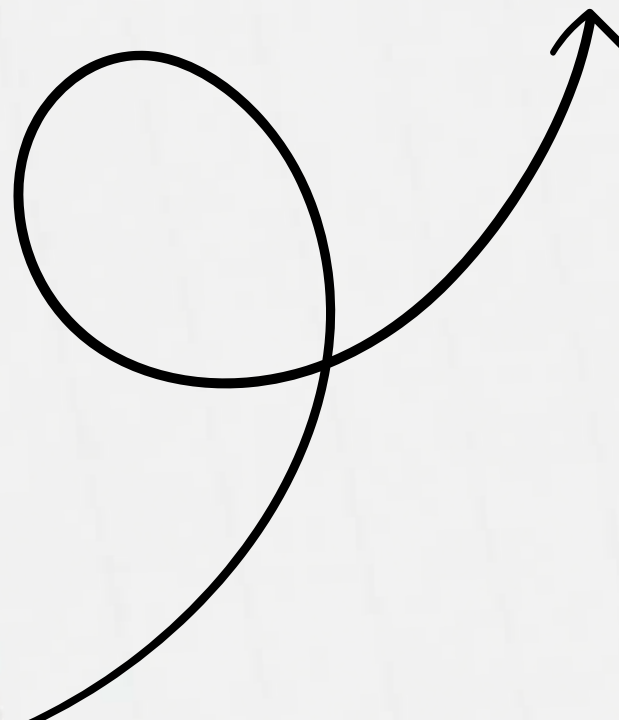




How to Prepare



- Pay attention in classes
 - Focus on grammar rules and reading comprehension in English
 - Focus on interpreting graphs in science
- Identify trouble skills and utilize Khan Academy
- Chad Cargill ACT book
- READ, READ, READ



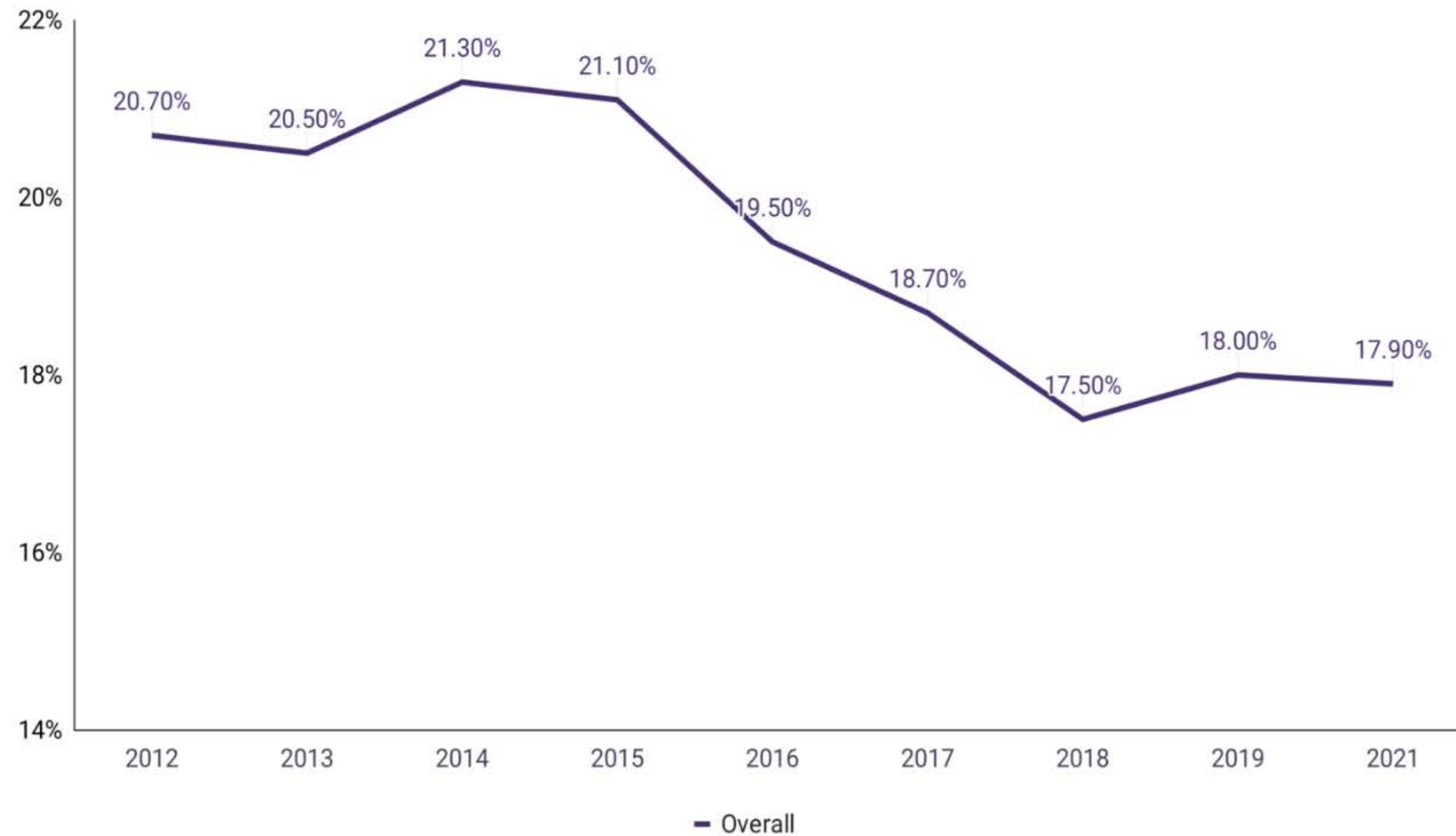


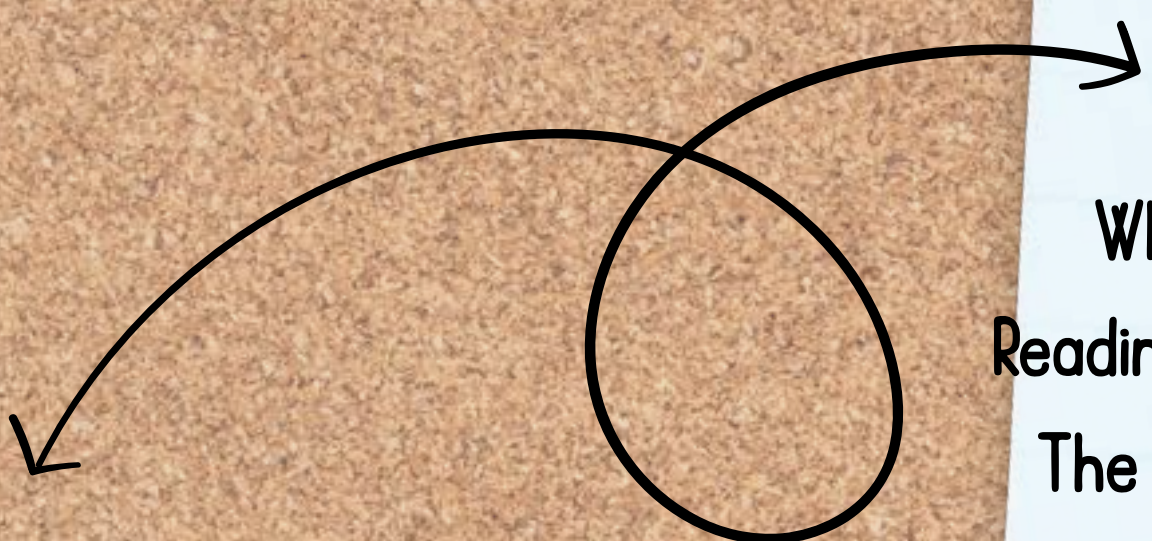
You're doing great!

**We love that you are involved
in your child's learning! Here
are some concrete tools to
help encourage reading**



Share of Americans who read every day (ages 15 and over)





What are the main benefits of reading every day?

Reading every day has a huge impact on the human brain.

The five biggest benefits of reading every day include:

Knowledge acquisition

Cognitive stimulation

Expansion of vocabulary

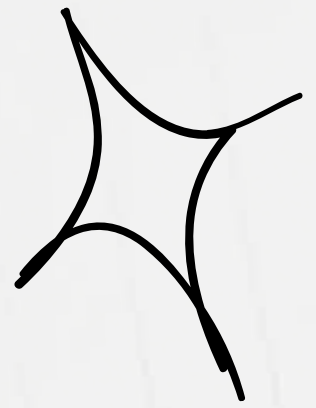
Stress reduction

Improved concentration





Reading & Testing



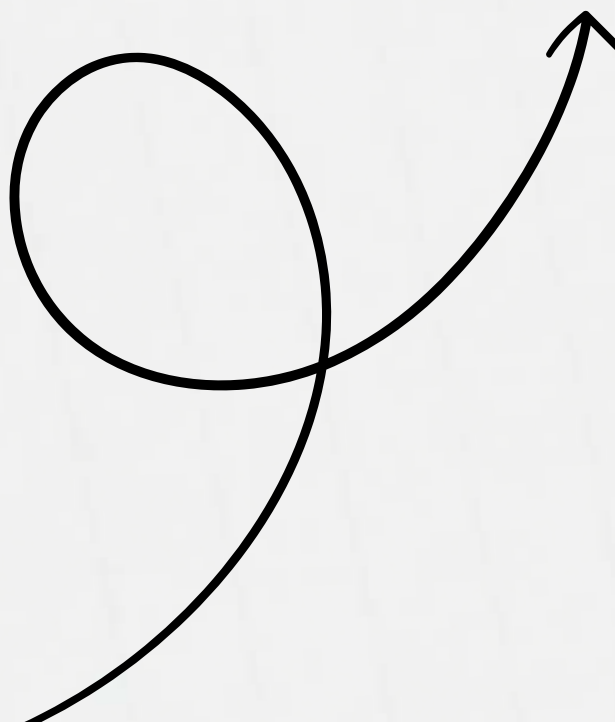
When it comes to the ACT we can prepare students as much as possible, but reading a variety of complex text is the BEST preparation.

ACT Reading Passages

1- Fiction

3 - Nonfiction

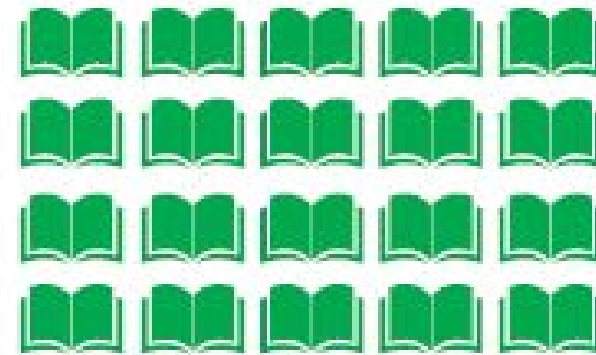
Nonfiction consists of 1 Humanities piece, 1 Social Science piece, and 1 Natural Science piece



Why Read at home?

STUDENT A READS

- 20 minutes per day
- 3,600 minutes per school year
- 1,800,000 words per year



SCORES IN THE 90TH
PERCENTILE ON
STANDARDIZED TESTS

STUDENT B READS

- 5 minutes per day
- 900 minutes per school year
- 282,000 words per year



SCORES IN THE 50TH
PERCENTILE ON
STANDARDIZED TESTS

STUDENT C READS

- 1 minute per day
- 180 minutes per school year
- 8,000 words per year

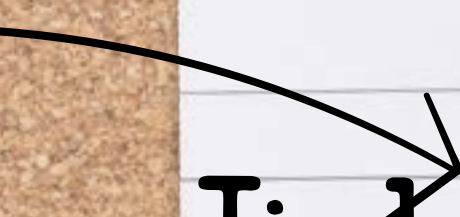


SCORES IN THE 10TH
PERCENTILE ON
STANDARDIZED TESTS

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

www.bettefetter.com



Tip 1 - Library Card

40/150 Students

Only 18 said they use it

Continue to take
kids to the library

Tip 2 - Libby

Libby is an app that allows you to check out library books on your e-reader/Kindle app. With an E-Reader, iPad, or Phone, you can have quicker access to books. Including audiobooks.



Tip 3 - Co-Discussions

Reading with your kids looks different as they age.

- Pick out books to read together
- Have physical books more accessible
- Book club discussion list
- Listening to an audiobook together
- Comprehension grows with exposure

Tip 4

Have students read books connected to required books/lesson in class

Tip 5

Follow interest but with text at grade level or above

Tip 6

Variety of text. Need to incorporate nonfiction.

Tip 7

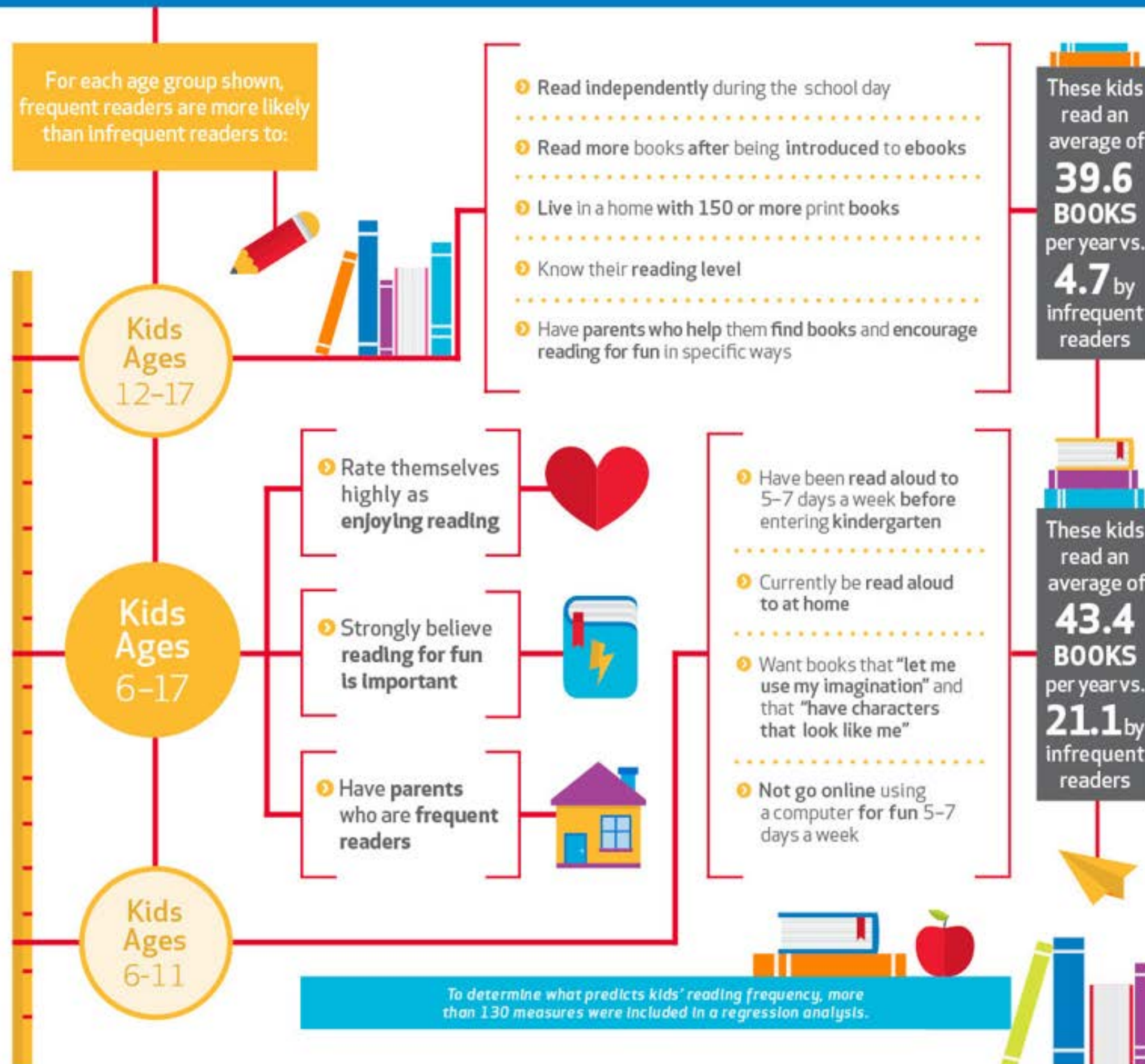
Look at different lists of books to read before high school, during high school, before college, etc. if you are stuck on how to find quality reading. Good Reads is wonderful for this as well. Also, teachers and librarians love to help!

Tip 8

Let them see you read
Help them pick out books

Tip 9

Board Games that involve reading/strategy:
Codenames,
Catan, Ticket to Ride, Scrabble,
Banangrams, Dixit



Results from a nationally representative survey of 1,026 parents of children ages 6-17, plus one child age 6-17 from the same household, conducted August 29, 2014 through September 10, 2014, and managed by YouGov. See the full methodology at scholastic.com/readingreport. Frequent readers are defined as children who read books 5-7 days a week, whereas infrequent readers read books for fun less than one day a week.



There is no replacement
for the power of a
family's influence
on reading



Thanks for coming!



