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1. Read a book published in the year you were born: *Percy Jackson and the Battle of the Labyrinth* by Rick Riordan (published in 2008). This was the 5th book of the Percy Jackson series. Personally I loved the beginning of this book however, I feel that at the end when the labyrinth was being destroyed the battle went on for too long and I lost interest a bit. I would still rate this book 4/5 stars though.

2. Read a true story: *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Moors. This book tells the story of the life of a man who used to tattoo numbers onto the arms of everyone who entered the concentration camp called Auschwitz. It does not just tell us about all the suffering and pain the people used to go through but also how this man found love in this girl but couldn't be with her because of the horrid surroundings. It tells us how he learnt to survive and escape. It is a true story as the author actually met this man just after his wife had died and told his story. She went to the place where he used to live and met some of the people who went through the things he did. It was such an amazing, educating, eye opening book that I am rating it 5/5 stars.

3. Read a book that was written more than 100 years ago: *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. I loved seeing the lives of all the sisters and discovering that they were all so different but the same. All their lives involve the same people but take many different paths. It was interesting to see what various family members thought of their personalities. However, I think the book got a bit boring in some bits when conversations went on for too long and the little exciting bits were just too short. For this reason I would rate this book 3/5 stars.

4. Read a book that your parent or carer liked when they were your age: *The Famous Five, Five on Treasure Island* by Enid Blyton. I lost interest in this book from page 4. There was no excitement or romance and the little bits of suspense and problem there were lasted for very short amounts of time and were very dull. There wasn't any interesting language used either and it didn't educate you about anything in the world. For these reasons I would rate this book 1/5 stars.

5. Read a book that is also a movie: *Alex Rider Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz- book 1. This book was amazing. It was action packed and filled with just the right amount of suspense and problem. The language used was interesting and different and it wasn't boring at all. The only complaint I would have is that the whole book was a bit short. For these reasons I would rate this book 5/5 stars.

6. Read a book released in the last 3 years: *Alex Rider Nightshade* by Anthony Horowitz- book 13 (released in 2020). In my opinion this was probably one of the best books in the series. I felt it

was surprisingly different to the other books as this time Alex isn't forced into working for MI6 but actually chooses to help one of the main characters. I would rate it 5/5 stars.

7. Read a myth that you haven't read before: *Medusa*. It was interesting to see what the ancient Greeks believed in. It surprised me that Medusa was beautiful before she was turned into a horrible ugly monster.

8. Read a short story: *Aesop's fables, The Fox and the Stalk*. It was nice to read a really light hearted short story. It had a really nice moral as well.

9. Read a book, poem or article about an animal: *Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame. This book was very light-hearted and funny. My favourite character was Ratty because he was so loyal to Mole. Even though, it wasn't very sophisticated in language and it wasn't very exciting, I really loved this book. For this reason I am giving this book 4/5 stars.

10. Read a book or poem recommended by a family member: *More Than This* by Patrick Ness. This book was recommended to me by my cousin. He read it when he was in year 8. I started reading it and loved it from page 1. It was so amazing. The language he used was so poetic and different and the actual storyline was so interesting and unique. It is now my favourite book because of the variety of different elements he uses in the storyline. I would definitely rate it 5/5 stars.

11. Read a book that was written more than 50 years ago: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. I liked this book a lot because it described life very traditionally. The only thing that I didn't really follow was the language. I have a very old copy of the book and it uses older English. However, I would still rate it 4/5 stars.

12. Read a poem by a Welsh author: *Do Not go Gentle into that Good Night* by Dylan Thomas. I really liked the way that the author had set out the poem. The language he used was very strong and inspirational.

13. Read a fictional or non-fictional text about a historical event: School History Textbook on Renaissance, Revolution and Reformation. I found it very interesting to read about different events in our history. I learnt a lot about Wales. My favourite part was the bit about how women were treated in the Tudor times.

14. Read a poem which was set in Wales: *Leisure* by W.H Davies. This poem really made me think about how busy everyone's life is. Sometimes we have no time to just sit back and relax. I found the repetition of 'no time' very effective.

15. Read a newspaper article- I read one about Corona Virus and how it is affecting people with small businesses.

16. Read a book about science- *Look Inside Your Body*. I have had this book for many years but have never read it until now. I found it very interesting to see how food travels through the body. It was quite disgusting!

17. Make a collage of motivational quotations.

18. Read a 'How To..' book to learn a new skill- Learn how to Knit! I am very pleased I now know how to French knit! I also learnt how to do 3 other styles! I hope I can read another one of these books to learn another new skill.

19. Read a cookbook- *Jamie Oliver's 15 minute meals*. I read this as an online book. I haven't yet got around to trying any of the recipes yet however I would really like to try the Ricotta Fritters!

20. Read a website about a charity that you think is important- RSPCA official website.