Cereal Box Book Report

For your summer reading book report or *Hatchet, Pollyanna*, or *The Secret Garden*, create and decorate a real cereal box with illustrations and information related to the book.

**Front of Box:** Use a piece of white or light colored paper to cover the front of your cereal box. (You will probably want to create the cover before gluing it on your box.) Include the name of the cereal and a picture. Invent a name for the cereal that is related to the title of the book and sounds like a cereal. Do not use the exact title of the book. You may want to look at the attached page of real cereal boxes to get some ideas. Choose a shape for the cereal as well as colors and ingredients that all relate to the book.

*For example, for The Cat in the Hat, you might invent a cereal called Crunchy Cats, a toasted oat cereal in the shape of miniature hats.*

**Right Side:** Make a list of ingredients that includes the story elements.

*Characters and Setting.* Under the heading “Ingredients,” list the main characters and write a sentence about each one. Then describe the setting. You can use the template on the attached sheet or cover the side with white or light colored paper and do it in your own way. Just make sure you include the main characters and the setting.
**Left Side:** Write a summary that describes the main problem and the solution of the book. Try to use words that will “grab” readers’ attention and make them want to buy your cereal. You can use the attached template or do this in your own way.

**Back of Box:** Design a game that is based on the story. It can be a puzzle, a word search, a word scramble, a maze, a crossword puzzle, a hidden pictures illustration, or any other fun activity that might be found on the back of a cereal box. Make sure it includes information from the book.

**Top of Box:** Include the title, author, number of pages, and number of stars you would give this book if you were a book critic. The maximum number of stars would be 5. You can use the template or create the top of the box yourself as long as you include all of the things listed above.

**Prize:** Cereal boxes often include a prize. Your prize must be something the main character could have used in the book or something that reminds you of the main character. You can even include a picture of the prize on the front of your box to let the reader know what is inside the box.
Cereal Box Book Report Templates

_left Side of Box:_ Cut out this box and place in on the right side of your cereal box. Write a summary that describes the **main problem** and **how the problem was solved**. Try to use words that will “grab” the readers’ attention and make them want to buy your cereal.

**Summary of Book:**

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**Top of Box:** Cut out this box and place in on the top of your cereal box.

**Title of Book:**

| ____________________________________________________________ |

**Author:**

| ____________________________________________________________ | # of Pages: _____ |

**Rating:** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Cut out this box and place it on the right side of your cereal box.

**Characters:**
List the main characters and write a sentence about each one. For example, if you were using the story "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," you might include the following characters:

*Charlie Bucket*: He is a poor boy who finds the last golden ticket and wins a trip to Willy Wonka’s Chocolate Factory.

*Willy Wonka*: He is the lively owner of the chocolate factory who allows six children and a member of their family to spend a day at his magical factory.

**Setting:**
Use complete sentences to tell where the story takes place. You may find that there is more than one setting in the story. For example, if you were using the story “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,” you might write:

*The beginning of the story takes place in Charlie Bucket’s very small house that he shares with his large family. Once Charlie finds the golden ticket and wins the contest, the rest of the story takes place in Willy Wonka’s amazing chocolate factory.*