



SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

2024 Class Preparation Page - for **ONLINE** and **IN-PERSON** classes

Reading Merit Badge



Expectations

- Read and Review **ALL** requirements prior to the class
Even though a requirement may be identified as one to be done in class, Scouts are still expected to familiarize, review, and prepare for the requirement – **BE PREPARED!**
- Active interaction/participation is expected and mandatory.
- Share in your own words – avoid reading your answers.
- Pay attention to the action verbs.
- Bring proof of completion (even partially completed work)



Things to Remember to Bring

1. Your BSA ID# and / or your Merit Badge Blue Card properly filled out and signed off by your Scout Leader
2. Scout Uniform
3. Notes and Questions from reading the Reading Merit Badge Pamphlet
4. Supporting documentation or project work pertinent to this merit badge which may also include a Merit Badge Workbook for reference with notes.
5. A positive Scouting focus and attitude

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Requirements Insight

Requirements	Expectations
1a, 1b, 1c, and 1d	<p>You will need to do these requirement components at a library ahead of time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be sure to bring proof of doing these requirement components (photos work best)• Time will be allotted for those Scouts who have prepared to share their work for sign off consideration
1e and 2	<p>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to successfully complete these requirements and requirement components during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time will be allotted for those Scouts who have prepared to share their work for sign off consideration
3	<p>Be sure to read 4 DIFFERENT TYPES OF BOOKS (i.e., poetry, fiction, nonfiction, or biographies).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Failure to read 4 different types of books will result in a partial sign off.• You need do only ONE of the requirement components 3a OR 3b OR 3c for this requirement however the requirement component applies to all four books – so you must do the task for each of the 4 books.
4	<p>Assume that you have permission from the counselor for the project, so long as your parental approval is documented and approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is at the discretion of the merit badge counselor as to whether your selected reading material and project meet their satisfaction of the requirement.• Scouts who can show their completed project AND share their experience will have an opportunity to be reviewed by the counselor for sign off consideration
5	<p>Select wisely and read from two sources about the world around you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scouts should be prepared to discuss.• It is strongly recommended that Scouts bring any notes or supporting documents they may have to help show the counselor that they have prepared for discussion on these items.• A portion of the class will be devoted to open group discussion on each of the Scouts' readings.
6	<p>This requirement will NOT be done as a part of the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scouts desiring to be considered for sign off, should bring adequate documentation to show that they have completed one of these requirement components.• Adequate documentation is NOT a letter from your parent, but rather a letter or note on organizational letterhead from a representative of the organization where you performed your activity hours.• Please remember that the merit badge counselor reserves the right to accept/reject your chosen activity for completion of this merit badge requirement. It is best not to stray too far from the stated requirement.

Merit Badge Workbooks are a tool to aid Scouts with their work preparation. BSA discourages — but does not ban — the use of any merit badge worksheets or workbooks. Merit badge counselors must NEVER require the use of merit badge worksheets or workbooks and may if they choose, refuse to accept them. Scouts shall not be required to use ANY of these to complete a merit badge.

