



Activities to Promote Reading at Home Grades 9 - 12

Encourage teens to use various social media tools such as GoodReads, where they can connect with people who like the same books as them, and share their opinions about the books they are reading.

Keep your discussions about reading positive; don't pressure your kids or criticize the books they like.

Read some popular Young Adult books and discuss with your teen; this can be a wonderful way to talk about sensitive subjects.

Graphic Novels

Encourage your teen to become an expert in a subject he or she particularly enjoys, by reading widely and deeply about that topic.

Don't abandon reading aloud just because your teens are capable of reading for themselves; reading aloud something you mutually enjoy can be a great bonding experience.

Remind teens that used bookstores are great places to hunt for quirky, bargain books.

Suggest to your teen that he/she leave online reviews about the books they've read, to help other readers decide whether or not those books might be right for them. They can leave reviews on Amazon, or start a "vlogging" book review series on YouTube.

Listen to audio books. While it isn't "reading," it is a great way to get "hooked" on different literature and authors.

Remember that today, reading takes many forms. Reading blogs and other online material is valuable just like reading books. Encourage teens to get a blog reading app on their smartphone or subscribe to get their favorite blogs in their email inbox.

Help teens find social events like poetry slams or teen book clubs at a local branch library, bookstore, or art space.

Use various online tools such as Animoto to create their own book trailers that then can be shared through various social media tools.

