

# First Trimester Mystery Book Report

## Story Skeleton



Due date for book approval: Oct. 6

Due date for project: Oct. 20

For our first book report, students will choose a **mystery**. The book that they choose must be appropriate for their reading level and must be a chapter book. The book should be at least 75 pages or more. Students may choose a book from the classroom library, school library, community library, or a book from home. Be sure to choose a book that you have never read before.

This book report should be completed entirely at home and handed in on or before the due date. Materials needed are listed on the directions page. You may either type or handwrite the writing portion of the project. You can attach your project with yarn, string, pipe-cleaners, popsicle sticks, etc. Be creative! Happy reading!

The 4th Grade Teachers





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Due: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Read a book and tell about the "body of your story" by making a skeleton mobile. Be sure to write in complete sentences.

## Materials:

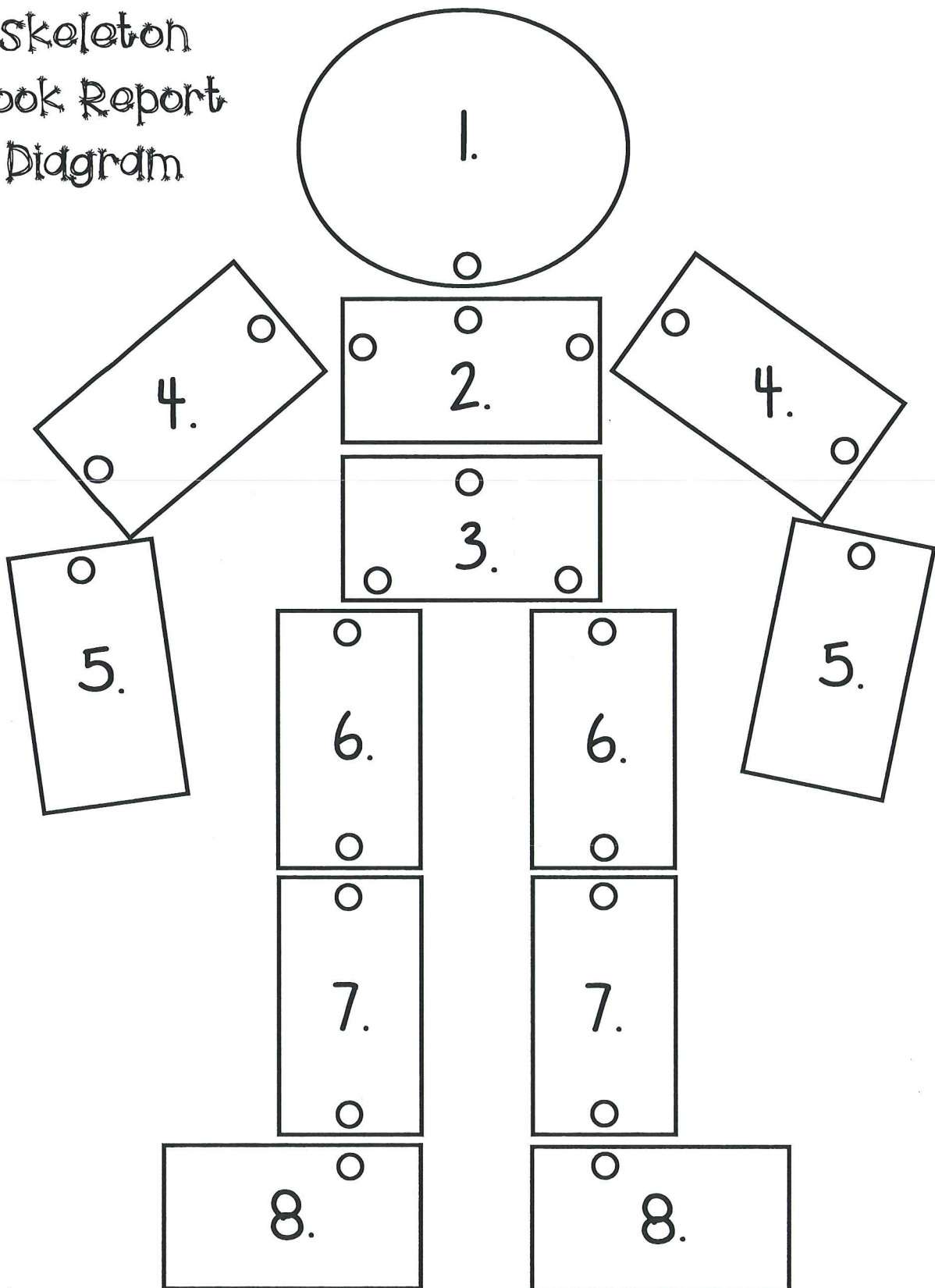
12 white index cards    white paper    string/yarn/pipe cleaners    scissors  
hole-puncher

## Directions

1. Head: On the front, draw and color the face of the main character. On the back, write your name and the title and author of the book.
2. Chest/Upper Torso: On the front, draw and color the setting (where and when the story takes place). On the back, write 2-3 sentences describing the setting.
3. Abdomen/Hips: Write one paragraph (3-5 sentences) that explains the main problem or adventure in the book.
4. Both Upper Arms: On the front, draw and color a picture of other important characters in the book. On the back, write the characters' names and explain why/how they were important in the story.
5. Both Lower Arms: Write 2 interesting details from the book on each arm.  
(4 details in all)
6. Thighs: Write other problems the character must solve on the way to solving the main problem.
7. Lower Legs: Write a paragraph (3-5 sentences) that explains how the main character solves the main problem/mystery or gets out of the adventure.
8. Feet: Write one thing you liked about the book on each foot. Be sure to explain why you liked it.

\*Attach the parts according to the diagram on the back  
by using the string, yarn, or pipe cleaners.

Skeleton  
Book Report  
Diagram



## Book Report Rubric

|                            | 4                                                             | 3                                             | 2                                               | 1                                                   |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Followed Directions</b> | All directions were followed accurately.                      | Most directions were followed accurately.     | Only some directions were followed accurately.  | Did not follow directions.                          |
| <b>Completeness</b>        | All necessary parts are completed                             | One piece of information is missing.          | Some information is completed, but not all.     | Project not complete.                               |
| <b>Neatness</b>            | Project is eye appealing.<br>Handwritten work is done neatly. | Handwritten work has one area that is sloppy. | Handwritten work has two areas that are sloppy. | Handwritten work is illegible.                      |
| <b>Opinion</b>             | Student's opinion is clearly written with reason.             | Student's opinion is written with reason.     | Student's opinion is unclear.                   | No opinion was included.                            |
| <b>Spelling / Grammar</b>  | There are no spelling or grammar errors.                      | There is one spelling or grammar error.       | There are two spelling or grammar errors.       | There are three or more spelling or grammar errors. |

**Notes:**

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

