

Winter Reading 2022

Read Lerner Titles, Age-specific

This document shares the templates that will be available in December for Beanstack's 2022 Winter Reading Challenge. These templates are age specific and ask readers to log minutes for specific Lerner titles to earn badges and contribute to your library or school's reading totals.

Lerner titles will be available via our Reading List Challenges feature, scheduled to launch in early December. This feature gives readers access to age-appropriate Lerner titles (about 15 for each age group) during the month of January with no restrictions, directly in the Beanstack app.

For more information, check out our documentation on the helpdesk.

Winter Reading 2022: Read for a Better World

0-5 / PreK



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Activity Badges

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Read for a Better World

Badge Description

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Activities

- Which book(s) are you reading? **(text box)**
 - What is your favorite part of the book? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Who Am I?

Badge Description

What makes you YOU? The different parts of you are like ingredients in a recipe or pieces of a puzzle. Each part is important on its own. But when you combine everything together, you get a full picture of you!

Activities

- **Fill in the blanks:** I like to eat_____. My favorite thing to do is_____. My favorite color is_____. **(text box)**
 - What is something someone might not know about you just from looking at you? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Best of Me!

Badge Description

It's important to feel good about yourself from the inside out!

Activities

- What is your favorite part about yourself and why? Remember, your favorite part could be on the outside or the inside! Write it down on a piece of paper or draw a picture.
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Activity Badge Title:

Big Feelings

Badge Description

Everyone has feelings. Sometimes feelings can be big! All feelings are important. They tell you how you feel about what's going on around you.

Activities

- Make a list of feelings you have felt. Don't worry if they're "good" or "bad." Feelings just tell you what you need!

- How do you show your feelings? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Unique Families

Badge Description

Families come in all shapes and sizes. There is no right or wrong kind of family. Sometimes you are born into a family. Sometimes you choose a family, or they choose you. Families also change, and that's okay!

Activities

- What does "family" mean to you? **(text box)**
 - Draw a picture of your family. Count anyone you think of as family!
 - What are some of the ways you and your family show you care about one another?
(text box)
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Activity Badge Title:

You're Welcome!

Badge Description

You might greet your grandma with a hug. And you might greet a neighbor with a wave. It's important to understand how other people want to be greeted. It's also important to speak up if someone gives you a greeting you aren't comfortable with. Your body is your space!

Activities

- What is your favorite way for a friend to greet you? Draw a picture of a friend giving you this greeting.
 - Ask your grown-up how they like to be greeted.
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Activity Badge Title:

Celebrating Difference

Badge Description

“Diversity” means difference. Differences are good! They make every person special and unique. We are all different in many ways. This includes how we look, act, and talk. But it also includes where we live, what we eat, how we celebrate, what we believe, and much more!

Activities

- Talk with a friend or family member and learn about how you’re different from one another. You may even find things you have in common!
 - *Question tips:* What is your favorite meal? What is your favorite season? What is your favorite game?
 - Why is it important to respect people even if they’re different from you? **(text box)**
 - What are some ways we can celebrate our differences? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Play Fair!

Badge Description

When people treat each other fairly, life is better for everyone! Rules help make sure people are treated fairly. Sometimes rules can be unfair too. Then, they need to be changed.

Activities

- Different places often have different rules. Some rules keep people safe. For example, you are not allowed to run inside at home, but you can run outside on the playground. Why do you think these rules are different? **(text box)**
- Other rules make sure everyone is treated fairly. For example, in school or at home, you may take turns sharing toys. This way, everyone gets a chance to play with everything. Rules can mean you don’t always get to do exactly what you want to do, but everyone will be treated fairly. What is another rule that helps everyone be treated fairly? **(text box)**

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6-10 / K-5



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Activities

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 - Write a short summary of the book(s). What have you learned so far?
 - What are three new words you learned while reading your book(s)?
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Activity Badge Title:

Who am I?

Badge Description

Identity is the collection of traits and characteristics that make you YOU. These include how you look, your personality, your culture, and your abilities. Some characteristics are things that people can see, like being tall or having curly hair. Other characteristics are invisible. These are parts of your identity that people won't know just by looking at you, like that you love animals or that your favorite color is purple.

Activities

- Here are three new words to learn! Practice remembering what they mean on your own or with a grown-up.
 - **Ability:** A talent or skill.
 - **Characteristic:** A feature or quality of somebody or something.
 - **Culture:** The arts, language, customs, beliefs, and way of life shared by a group of people.
- Write down or draw the traits and characteristics that make you YOU. Remember, these can be on the inside or outside! (**text box**)

- What parts of you are you proudest of? **(text box)**
 - What do you think people may be surprised to learn about you? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Big Feelings

Badge Description

Feelings are emotions that everyone experiences. Sometimes feelings can be big and overwhelming (or even scary). But all feelings are important! They give you information about what's going on around you.

Activities

- Make a list of feelings you've experienced. Don't worry if they're "good" or "bad." Feelings just tell you what you need!
 - What are some healthy and safe ways to express feelings? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Showing Kindness

Badge Description

We never know what might be going on in other people's lives or how they might be feeling. That's why acts of kindness can be powerful. They make people feel acknowledged, thought about, and cared for. Even the smallest acts of kindness can be enough to brighten a person's entire day!

Activities

- How does it feel to give or receive acts of kindness? Why? **(text box)**
- Imagine your friend got a bad grade on a test. They're feeling upset. How might you show them kindness? Here are some ideas to get your started. Brainstorm some more ideas below.
 - Give them space.
 - Invite them to play.
 - Try to make them laugh.
 - Offer to help them study.

- Sometimes people behave unfairly or unkindly. What can you do when you see unfair or unkind behavior? **(text box)**
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Activities

- Talk with a friend or family member and learn about how you’re different from one another. You may even find things you have in common!
 - *Question tips:* What is your favorite meal? What is your favorite season? What is your favorite game?
 - Why is it important to respect people even if they’re different from you? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Prejudice and Assumptions

Badge Description

Prejudice means to “prejudge” someone. This means you make assumptions about another person without getting to know them. These assumptions might be based on how someone looks, a group they are a part of, or even your own experience. These assumptions may be positive or negative. But they are always unfair. We can’t know what someone else likes or dislikes or what they are thinking or feeling unless we get to know them as an individual. The best way to get to know people is by asking respectful questions.

Activities

- An assumption is something we believe without proof. How can you get to know someone as an individual rather than making an assumption about them? **(text box)**

- Prejudice is a pre-existing opinion not based on facts or experience. How is prejudice harmful? **(text box)**
 - What are some respectful questions you can ask others to get to know them better? **(text box)**
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Play Fair!

Badge Description

When people treat each other fairly, life is better for everyone! Rules help make sure people are treated fairly. But sometimes rules can be unfair too. Then, they need to be changed. Fairness means giving everyone equal opportunities (or chances), but it doesn't always mean being treated exactly the same. For example, someone shorter than you might need to use a stool to reach the sink to wash their hands. You don't use a stool because you can reach the sink without one. This is fair, even though it is not equal.

Activities

- Different places often have different rules. Some rules keep people safe. For example, you are not allowed to run in the hallway at school, but you are encouraged to run in the gym. Why do you think these rules are different? **(text box)**
 - Imagine you are riding on a bus. The bus seats are first come, first served, so the first person on chooses the first seat. You got on at an early stop, so you were able to pick your seat before the bus filled up. Now it is completely full, and you see a person using crutches get on the bus. There is nowhere for them to sit. What should you do? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Perspective

Badge Description

Perspective is a point of view or way of seeing things. Perspective can apply to what we physically see. We may all be looking at the same object, but because we are looking from different places, we will all see the object from a different angle. Perspective also applies to how we feel about things.

Activities

- How can experience (things that happen to us) change someone's perspective? **(text box)**
 - How is your perspective similar to or different from your friends, family, or classmates? **(text box)**
 - Imagine a group of people all saw the same fireworks show. Some of them might find the loud bangs of the fireworks to be exciting. Others might find them scary. Different perspectives will affect how people respond to the same thing. What experiences might lead someone to consider loud fireworks exciting or scary? **(text box)**
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11-17 / 6-12



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Activities

- Which book(s) are you reading? **(text box)**
 - What is something you've learned while reading? **(text box)**
 - What are three new words you learned while reading your book(s)? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Start with You

Badge Description

One way to make the world a better place is by starting with ourselves. If we can show compassion for ourselves, we are better able to listen to others, show empathy, and spread kindness. If we know ourselves and our values, then we can stand up for what we believe and inspire change.

Activities

- How would you characterize your own voice? **(text box)**
 - Acceptance of our faults as well as strengths can help to create a healthy self-image. How does this affect the world around you? **(text box)**
 - Make a list of your top three strengths and top three causes or communities you support. Think about how your strengths can help support those causes or communities.
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Activity Badge Title:

Create Safety

Badge Description

Consent and boundaries are essential to help maintain healthy, safe relationships at home, at work, at school, and everywhere else. You always have a say in what is okay or not okay for you to experience.

Activities

- Consent means giving permission. Unless it's a "yes," it's a "no." In all relationships, you should be able to say no without being put down, pressured, forced, or fearful of scary consequences. Why do you think this is important? **(text box)**
 - You can always reevaluate the relationships in your life. If you're unsure if something is healthy for you, some helpful questions to ask yourself are: "Can I be myself? Can I say no? Am I treating others well?" What are some other questions you could ask yourself? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Thinking Critically about Media

Badge Description

The media we consume—such as TV, books, and social media—informs our attitudes and opinions. It can significantly influence how we see the world and the people in it. That's why it's important to think critically about what we read and watch. Thinking critically involves asking yourself questions about a piece of media.

Activities

- Here are some new words to learn! Are there any that you've come across while reading this winter? **(text box)**
 - **Agenda:** A plan or a goal that is not always clearly stated.
 - **Bias:** A favoring of certain ideas or people over others.
 - **Critical:** Involving careful judgment or evaluation.
 - **Media:** Forms of communication through which information is spread to a large audience, such as newspapers, radio, or television.
- What is a show, podcast, or newsletter that you enjoy? Who created this piece of media, and what do you think they are trying to say with it? This question may help you uncover any bias or agenda behind the message. **(text box)**

- Why should you think critically about the media you consume? What questions should you ask? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Repair and Grow

Badge Description

Have you treated someone unfairly or said hurtful things? Have you seen someone be treated unfairly and not spoken up? It takes courage and humility to admit when we are wrong and to apologize for what we did. But doing so makes us bigger and better than we were before. Saying sorry helps us grow.

Activities

- Asking questions can be a great place to start when working to repair a relationship. Here are some to start with:
 - What happened?
 - What were you thinking and feeling at the time?
 - Who was impacted?
 - What would help make things right?
 - How does apologizing make you a better friend? **(text box)**
 - Deep laughter can be a healing experience. What was the last deep laugh you had? How did it make you feel better about the situation? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Be Supportive

Badge Description

Being an ally means standing up for a person or community even though they may be different from you. One voice is powerful, but there is also strength in numbers. The more we can unite with one another and show support, the better our world will be.

Activities

- How does supporting a community make it stronger? **(text box)**
- What are some communities you are a part of? Do you know any allies for these communities? How do they show their support? **(text box)**

- How do you support your community? What are some ways you give back to your community? **(text box)**
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Activity Badge Title:

Justice and Equity

Badge Description

Equity means giving everyone equal opportunities, but it does not always mean being treated exactly the same. For example, sometimes students who have trouble focusing are given extra time or taken to a separate classroom for tests. This is fair, even though it is not equal. But sometimes, equity can be a bit more complicated. Activists are people who see injustices in the world (people being treated unfairly) and work to make change happen.

Activities

- Words to learn:
 - **Activist:** A person who takes action to make changes in their community.
 - **Injustice:** Unfair treatment.
 - **Equity:** Everyone has what they need to be treated fairly.
 - What is a form of injustice I see in my life that I can call attention to? **(text box)**
 - What does it mean to be fair? How is being treated fairly different from being treated the same? **(text box)**
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Winter Reading 2022: Read for a Better World
18+ / Adults



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 - Open and honest conversation can be quite healing and revealing. How does asking questions allow us to have better relationships? **(text box)**
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Activities

- Think about a show, podcast, or newsletter that you enjoy. To help you uncover any bias or agenda behind the message, think about who created this piece of media, and what they are trying to say with it.
 - How have you created your personal boundaries for your internet and social media use? What lessons did you learn when you had no boundaries with the internet? **(text box)**
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Activities

- What are some communities you are a part of? Do you know any allies for these communities? How do they show their support? **(text box)**
 - How does supporting a community make it stronger? **(text box)**
 - Think about a few ways you can give back to your community. Make a list of daily lifestyle changes you can enact to show support or causes you can participate in to affect change.
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Activity Badge Title:

Empowerment

Badge Description

When we feel empowered, we can empower others, and vice versa. Being powerful does not mean we are not vulnerable. Often, showing our vulnerabilities is what makes change and strength possible in ourselves and others.

Activities

- How do your vulnerabilities also contribute to your strengths? **(text box)**
 - Creativity can be empowering. The ability to create (art, music, stories, businesses, songs, clothing, videos, etc.) can lead to meaningful change in ourselves and our communities. Think about what you enjoy creating and how it empowers you and those around you.
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Celebrating Difference

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Activities

- What is the difference between tolerance and acceptance? **(text box)**
 - In what way is love the solution to racism? In what ways have you put love into action?
(text box)
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