

Students entering fourth grade are asked to read The Cheese Experiment by Geronimo Stilton. This book is available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

The main character of the book is Geronimo Stilton, editor of The Rodent's Gazette, the most famous newspaper on Mouse Island. After reading this book, the student will use the attached template to write a newspaper article titled "The Cheese Experiment" telling the readers all of the facts behind this mystery.

Students should include the five W's in their article: Who, What, When, Where, and Why. Write in complete sentences and begin your article with the most important information and then fill in the details. Edit your work carefully! Your readers depend on you for the truth behind the mystery and clear information. \*You might want to write a rough draft before you begin your good copy to make sure that you have included all of the information.

The title of your article, "The Cheese Experiment" should be written in a creative way in the box on the top of the page. Your title should stand out and grab the reader's attention.

In the smaller, square box on the page include an illustration of your favorite part of the book. Make it neat and colorful.

Finally, make sure to include your name on the bottom of the page.

This project should be brought to school on Thursday, August 30th.

Empty rounded rectangular box at the top of the page.

Vertical column of 25 horizontal lines on the left side of the page.

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Summer Reading Project Rubric  
The Cheese Experiment

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| <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | My project was handed in on time.   |
| <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | My newspaper is titled "The Cheese Experiment" and is written in a bold, creative way to grab the reader's attention. |
| <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | I included the "5 W's" in my newspaper Article and gave many details.   |
| <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | My article is written in complete sentences.  |
| <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | I have a neat, colorful, hand drawn illustration in the box that shows my favorite part of the book.                  |
| <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | All of my grammar and spelling is correct.  |
| <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | My writing is neat.   |
| <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | My name is written on the bottom of the page.   |