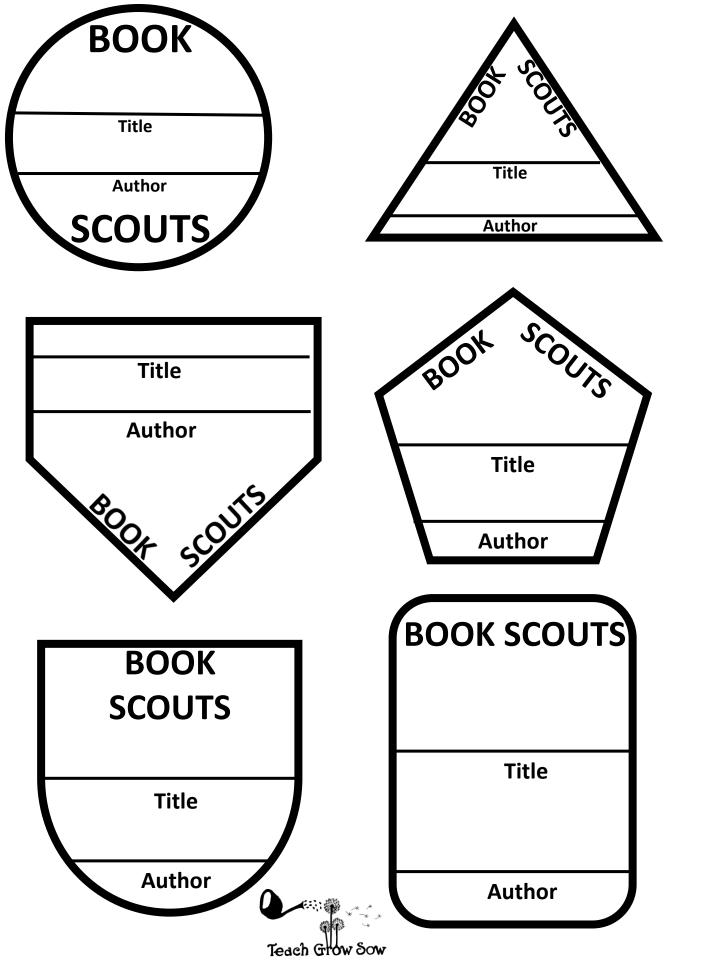
## Book Scouts

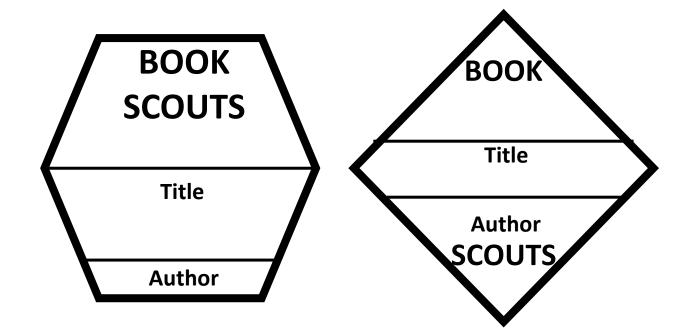
Encouraging independent reading is one of the most important and most challenging tasks for elementary. One theme that can be fun is "book scouts." Just like boy and girl scouts, students have a sash (made of paper) and can earn "badges" to put on it. Depending on the grade you teach, students may earn a badge for one book, or a set number of books.

The badges can be anything, such as stickers, but you can also print these badges. Choose between those with genre listed, or those without. You may want to print different genres on different colored paper.

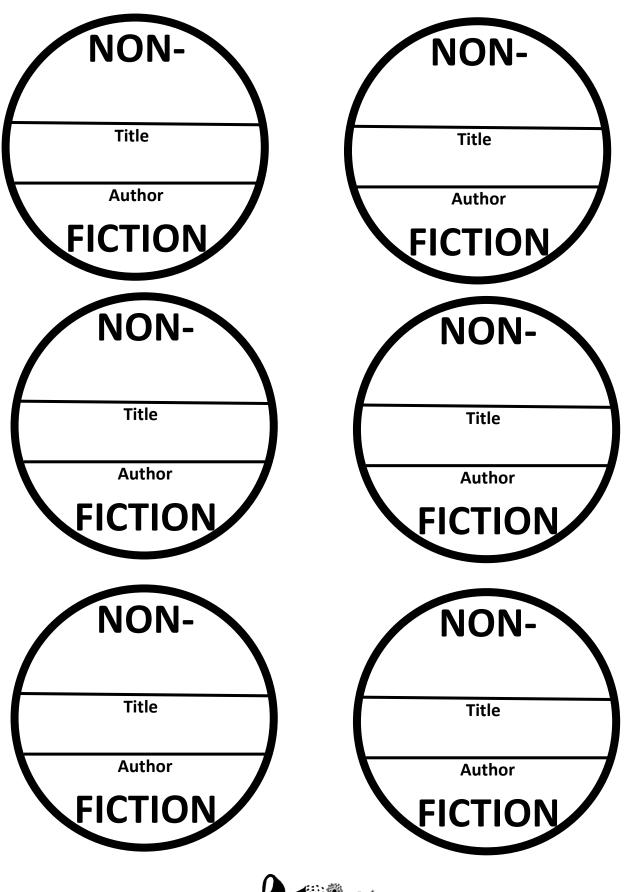
How publicly the sashes should be displayed depends on your school culture and the personalities of your students.



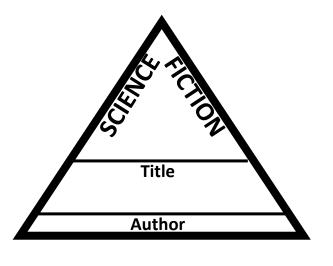


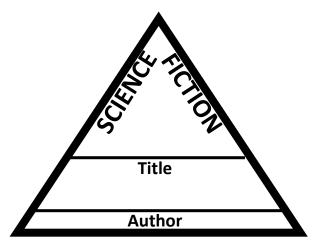


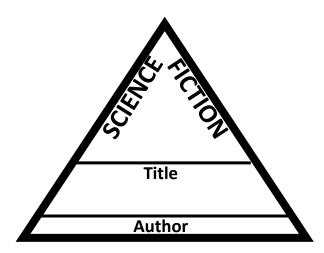


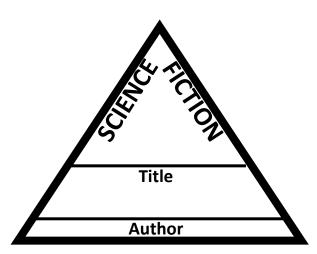


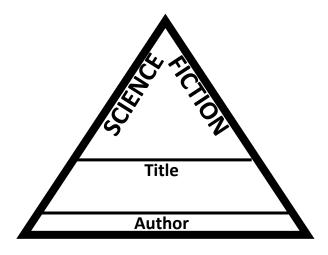


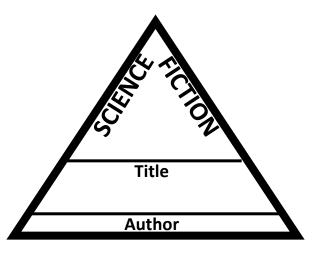








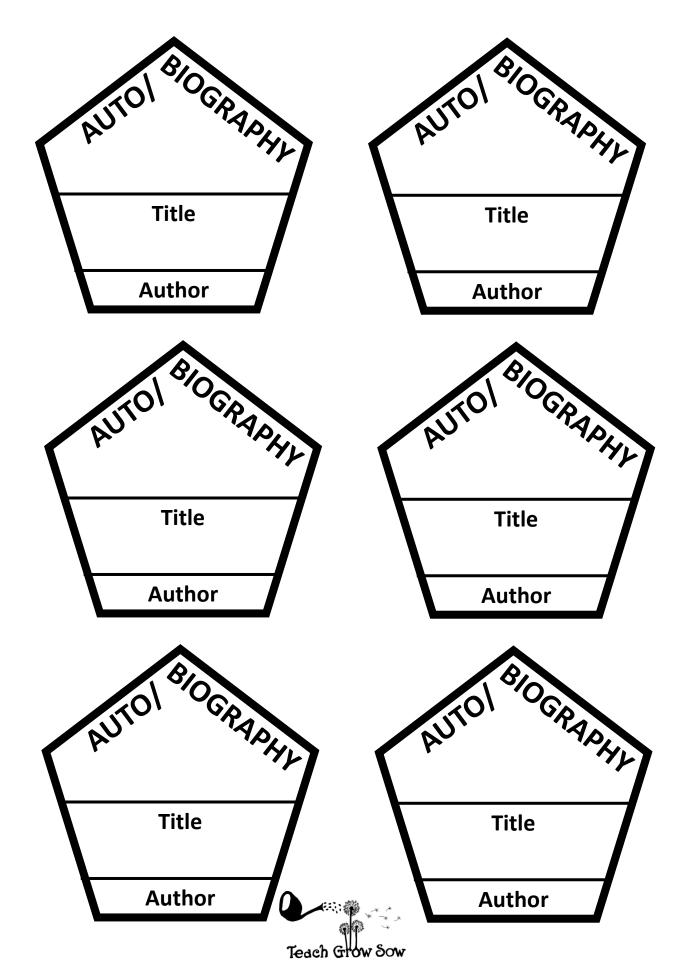


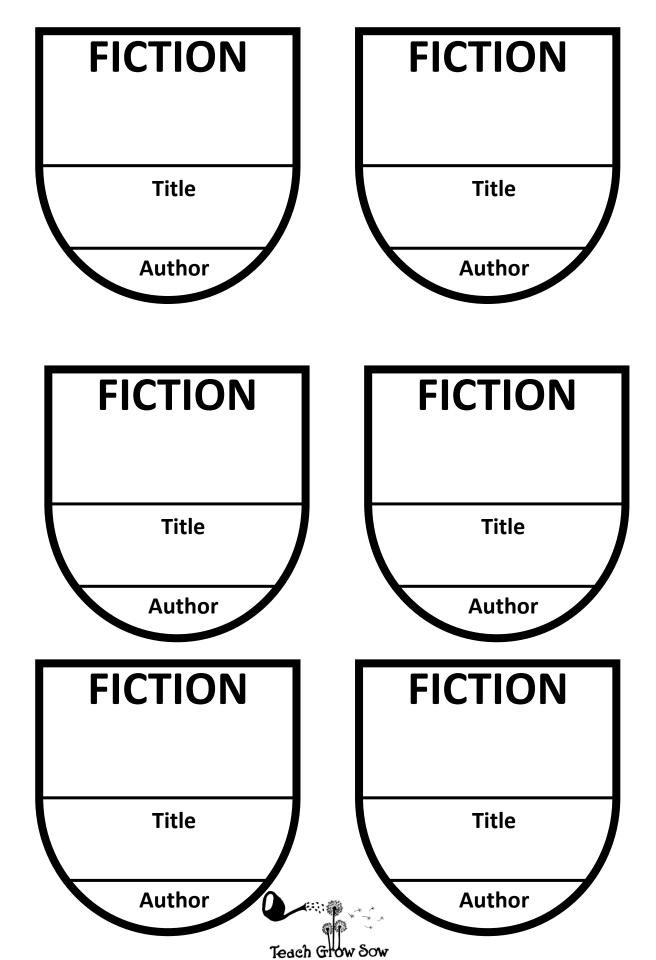




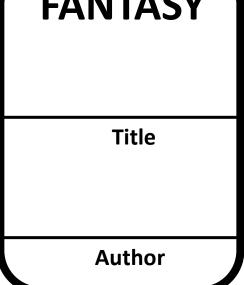
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