



Pontifical Mission
Educational and
Cultural Center
مركز البعثة البابوية التعليمي الثقافي

PMECC READING COMPETITION SUMMARIZATION

25th September (Wednesday) 2024 - April 30 (Wednesday) 2025

GENERAL RULES:

Grade Level : 5th Graders

Language: Arabic/English

Target Schools: 24 Private Schools

Number of Participants : NO LIMIT

Books Online : 100 Books to be read

Kind of Books: Storybooks (75 in Arabic and 25 in English)

Inclusive Target Date: September 25, 2024 (Wednesday)–April 30, 2025(Wednesday)

Date for Coordinators' Orientation : September 19, 2024 (Thursday)

Code System: Each school with student participants will be given/assigned a code, which will be sent by email to the Coordinator/Director of the respective schools

School Coordinator: Contact person / School representative

Reading Contest Starts: September 25, 2024 (Wednesday)

Participants should register online at: PMECC website:

<https://www.iread.site>

<https://www.pmecc-bethlehem.org>

Requirement before the start of the Contest: Submission of an exact number of 5th Graders from each of the participating school

Schedule of the Competition Rounds:

- **First Round: WEDNESDAY - 25th September 2024 to FRIDAY - 20th December 2024**
- **Second Round: THURSDAY - 2nd January 2025 to WEDNESDAY - 23rd April 2025**
- **Final Round: WEDNESDAY - 30th April 2025**
- **Awarding Ceremony: THURSDAY - 8th May 2025**

Announcement of the Grand Winners: Thursday, 8th May 2025

Awarding Ceremony: 8th May 2025 (Thursday) – 11:00am

Possible Venue: BU Auditorium / PMECC (to be arranged and confirmed later)

Prizes : (\$1,000.00 worth for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Students-Major Prizes) + 10 Consolation Prizes worth 100NIS / student-participant

System Computation: By Accumulated Points

Winning Schools:

- **GRAND SCHOOL WINNER** – based on the **highest percentage (%) of Student Participation from the 1st, 2nd and Final Rounds** will receive **non-cash prize with equivalent amount of \$2,000.00 to be used for School Library renovation / improvement** or any other needs of the school like **electronic gadgets or furniture and equipment** as recommended by the school administrator.
- **School** which gets the **highest number of participants who qualified for the Final Round** will receive **non-cash prize with equivalent amount of - \$2,000.00 to be used for School Library renovation/improvement** or any other needs of the school like **electronic gadgets or furniture and equipment** as recommended by the school administrator.









How to be qualified for the Winning Schools: Only the Schools with more than twenty-five (25) number of 5th Graders can participate.

Any announcement/update/problem encountered regarding the Reading Competition will be posted:

- in the Reading Competition Portal Development Section of the PMECC Website
- in the Existing Link made by the organizers which can be accessed thru Messenger or WhatsApp

FIRST ROUND:

September 25, 2024 (Wednesday) - December 20, 2024 (Friday)

-  Interested participant **must access the PMECC website.**
-  Click on the **Reading Competition Portal Development Section**, register as a **challenger under which school (see List of Schools - Please, ensure the correct usage of your school's assigned code)**, **sign-in on the participant' icon** and **fill up the student personal profile**, which include the following:
 - Name of the participant
 - Gender: Male/Female
 - School and its Code Number
 - Name of the School Coordinator
 - City/Town/Village
 - Telephone number
-  Save and proceed to the next step.
-  Read at most **60 story-books (45 Arabic books + 15 English books)** during the **FIRST ROUND** within the given time, **which should be taken from the challenge book lists provided on-line** by the PMECC.
-  ******Please take note that a complete reading of the 60 storybooks and getting a 'passed notice' are not a guarantee that the participants shall qualify himself/herself for the Second Round as elimination process of participants shall be based on the total gained accumulated points******
-  Give a summary of English book in English language and Arabic book in Arabic language. You will gain '0' point if you do not follow otherwise.
-  **Cheating**, like doing 'Copy and Paste' and writing 'nonsense' will automatically get a '0' point.
-  Participant must **comply the following requirements to accumulate points:**
*(Please refer to the following **Point System** provided below)*
 - log in the **Title and Author of the book read**,
 - provide a **Summary of each Book** read in order to gain points as follow:
 - 'EXCELLENT' - 22 to 25 points
 - 'VERY GOOD' - 15 to 21 points
 - 'SATISFACTORY' - 7 to 14 points

- 'NEED IMPROVEMENT' - 1 to 6 points
- 'FAILED' - 0 point

✚ State the value(s) learned from the book or give the moral lessons of the story in a form of a sentence:

- 3 points x 5 each value cited = 15 total points

✚ Last day to access the Books will be on December 20, 2024 (Monday).

✚ A cut-off score of the required accumulated points set by the organizers will determine who qualifies for the Second Round.

✚ Participant should establish coordination with the School Coordinator and give him/her update regarding the number of books read and/or have registered online.

✚ Announcement of the participants who qualified for the Second Round will be on December 23, 2024 (Monday), which can be relayed through the School Director or School Coordinator by email.

SECOND ROUND

2nd January 2025 (Thursday) – 23rd April 2025(Wednesday)

✚ Only the participants who qualified and passed the cut-off score as confirmed by the PMECC organizers shall be joining this second round.

✚ Participants will have to read the remaining 40 books i.e. (30 Arabic + 10 English books) within the given time – **SECOND ROUND**, i.e. from **2nd January (Thursday) to 23rd April 2025 (Wednesday)**.


✚ Give a summary of English book in English language and Arabic book in Arabic language. To do it otherwise, one will gain '0' point.


✚ Cheating, like doing 'Copy and Paste' and writing 'nonsense' will automatically get a '0' point.

✚ Participants must follow the same previous procedure of registering online:

- **Log in the Title, Author of the book (Applicable to both Arabic and English books)**
- **To do a Summary of each Arabic and English Book with the following corresponding points:**

- 'EXCELLENT' – 22 to 25 points
 - 'VERY GOOD' - 15 to 21 points
 - 'SATISFACTORY' – 7 to 14 points
 - 'NEED IMPROVEMENT - 1 to 6 point
 - 'FAILED' - 0 point.
- State the value(s) learned from the book or give the moral lesson of the story in a form of a sentence
 - 5 points x 5 each value cited = 25 total points
 - Give the correct Answer to the 5 questions provided in each book, with corresponding points:
 - 15 points x 5 of each correct answer = 75 total points each. (Type of Questions: Multiple Choice). (Applicable to both Arabic and English books)

 *****Please take note that a complete reading of the 40 story-books is not a guarantee that the participants shall qualify himself/herself for the Final Round as elimination of participants shall be based on the total gained accumulated points*****


 A cut-off score of the required accumulated points set by the organizers will determine who qualifies for the Final Round.

 Books cannot be accessed anymore after the 23rd April 2025 (Wednesday).

 Announcement of the participants who qualified for the Final Round will be on 25th of April 2025 (FRIDAY).

FINAL ROUND/ACTUAL CONTEST

April 30, 2025 (WEDNESDAY)

 Only the participant who received a confirmation from the PMECC organizers will qualify for the Final Round.

 Actual Date for the Final Round: April 30, 2025 (to be arranged and confirmed later)

❖ **PLAN A – WEDNESDAY**

11:00am - 1:00pm (Bethlehem University – Sansour Hall/Brother Joe/Auditorium)?

OR


- ❖ **PLAN B – WEDNESDAY – (Pontifical Mission Educational and Cultural Center – PMECC)**
 - 8:30am - 10:30am – FIRST BATCH**
 - 11:00am - 1:00pm - SECOND BATCH**
 - 1:30pm - 3:30pm – THIRD BATCH**

CONTEST PROPER

(April 30, 2025 - WEDNESDAY)

- ✚ Each Participant shall be given the same **book** for all **to be summarized on the spot at the same time**, 15 minutes before the contest starts.
- ✚ They should write a **SUMMARY** of the book on an A-4 paper with at most 200 words.
- ✚ Likewise, the participant should be able to **cite at least five (5) values or lessons learned** from the story in a form of a sentence. **Each value** written in a sentence will have an equivalent of **fifteen (15) points**.
- ✚ Participants will **answer 5 questions** on the spot either posed by the judges in relation to the book read or to be given in a separate sheet of paper. Every correct answer to **every question asked will have an equivalent of 25 points each**.
- ✚ Participants accumulate points through the following process:
 - **Brief summary of the book read (800 points**, based on the criteria provided);
 - **Moral value/lesson** of the story in a form of a sentence (**15 points each x 5 = 75 TOTAL POINTS**).
 - **Give the correct answer to every question** asked (**25 points each x 5 = 125 TOTAL POINTS**)
- ✚ The **winner is determined by the points system**: 1st Prize, 2nd Prize, 3rd Prize + 10 Consolation Prizes
- ✚ **TIE-BREAKER: Answer 3 QUESTIONS** prepared by the judges with corresponding points.

PRIZES INFORMATION:

 The **winning students** will receive an **electronic gadgets equivalent** to a total cash prize of **\$1,000**, which shall be distributed respectively among the three major winners (**1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize Winners**) + **ten (10) Consolation Prizes Winners worth 100NIS each:**

1st PRIZE – Student Winner = \$500 worth of Gadget

2nd PRIZE – Student Winner = \$300 worth of gadget

3rd PRIZE – Student Winner = \$200 worth of gadget

CONSOLATION PRIZES –First TEN Winners - starting the 4th placer until the 13th placer will receive worth 100 NIS / Student-Participant

WINNING SCHOOL:

- **GRAND SCHOOL WINNER** – based on the **highest percentage (%) of Student Participants from the 1st, 2nd and Final Rounds** will receive non-cash prize with the **equivalent amount worth - \$2,000.00 to be used for school library improvement / renovation** or any other needs of the school like **electronic gadgets or furniture and equipment** as recommended by the school administrator.

- **SCHOOL which gets the highest number of participants who qualified for the Final Round** will receive non-cash prize with the **equivalent amount worth \$2,000.00 to be used for school library improvement / renovation** or any other needs of the school like **electronic gadgets or furniture and equipment** as recommended by the school administrator.

CONSOLATION/SPECIAL AWARD: Participant(s) will be given a plaque / a token / a certificate

- Those who qualified for the Final Round
- Those who finished and completed reading the 100 books

CRITERIA IN JUDGING - SUMMARIZATION OF A BOOK

<u>CRITERIA</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE (100%)</u>
ORGANIZATION OF THOUGHTS	- 30%
CREATIVITY	- 25%
GRAMMAR/PUNCTUATION/DICTATION	- 25%
BREVITY/CONCISENESS	- 20%

TOTAL	= 100%

COMPUTATION FOR THE FINAL ROUND

- **JUDGES $(300 \div 3 \times 8) = 800$ POINTS (Summarization)**
- **Moral value/lesson of the story written in a form of a sentence (15 points each x 5 = 75 POINTS).**
- **Give the correct answer to every question asked (25 points each x 5 = 125 POINTS).**

SUMMARY POINTS

*****To determine the MAJOR PRIZE WINNERS, the over-all percentage will be taken from the following:**

1st Round - 10%

2nd Round	- 15%
Final Round	- 75%

NOTE:

The more books you read, the more summarization you did, and the more questions and values you answered and/or provided...the MORE POINTS you GAINED!!!