

**EMS ISD Distance Learning  
Middle School ELAR Enrichment Choice Board  
Week of March 30-April 3**

**Enrichment Choice Board Portion: Choose 1 or 2 activities from to do.**

Reading/Writing	Listening/Speaking	Thinking
Choose something you want to read for at least 20 minutes a day. See the list of links on page 2 for options of possible places to look for choice reading. You can also grab anything from home to read. Share with your ELA teacher one of the following ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is an interesting character or event from your reading? Why?</li> <li>• Why did you choose this or these particular text(s)?</li> <li>• What three questions would you want to ask the author?</li> <li>• What was your favorite part of what you read? Why?</li> </ul>	Interview someone in your household about how their week is going. Be sure to ask them at least 5 questions and scribe their answers, or you can record the audio/video of the interview. Feel free to share this with your ELA teacher!	Create a song playlist (of at least 10 songs and artists) to accompany your distance learning experience. It can be about any of these topics: COVID-19, virtual learning, spending more time with your family, or something else. Share your playlist with a peer.
	Watch a news story or a current event story from TV or online. As you view it, consider the information the speaker has included as well as what has been omitted. Share your findings with someone in your household.	Check out this <a href="#">site</a> of recent political cartoons about the pandemic. Which one resonates the most with you and why? Which one leaves you with questions? Communicate with your ELA teacher about your thoughts.

**Links to Additional Sites and Resources:**

**Reading:**

- <https://www.tweentribune.com/> -- from the Smithsonian; choose 6-8 to have grade-level texts
- <https://www.timeforkids.com/g56/> -- from Time; articles may skew a little young
- <http://www.kellygallagher.org/article-of-the-week> -- read about hot-topic articles
- <https://pernillesripp.com/our-favorite-books/> -- great list of books for middle school readers
- <https://www.audible.com/ep/kids-audiobooks> -- Audible free books for kids younger than 18
- [newsela.com](https://newsela.com) – Newsela has free informational texts; sign in with your school email
- [commonlit.org/en/library](https://www.commonlit.org/en/library) – Common lit is a site that has literary texts

**Grammar, Vocabulary, Thinking:**

- <http://wonderopolis.org/> to extend your thinking
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/SchoolhouseRockTV1> -- complete archive of Schoolhouse Rock videos on youtube (brush up on your grammar!)
- <https://www.izzit.org/> -- edu site with lessons, videos, extensions
- <https://visuwords.com/> -- explore words and definitions
- <https://membean.com/personal> -- sign in with your school email; this is a place to practice and improve vocabulary
- [nationalgeographic.com/photography/photo-of-the-day/](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/photography/photo-of-the-day/) -- check out the photos for each day