

# Calculating Individual Reading Rate

There are several reasons you may want to calculate your reading rate. You can use it to estimate how long it will take you to finish a specific novel. You can also calculate every few weeks or months to see if your rate of reading has increased. As the volume of what you read increases, fluency rates tend to increase also.

- 1. Read your novel for exactly 10 minutes. (use a timer for accuracy)**
- 2. Write down the number of pages read at the end of 10 minutes.**
- 3. Multiply that number by 4 to see how many pages you would theoretically read in an entire class period at VMS.** (classes are longer than 40minutes, this calculation allows for time to settle in and perhaps an announcement or two by the teacher)

**You can also multiple your 10 minute number by 6 to calculate approximately how many pages you will read per hour.**

3. Do this with each new book so that you can **estimate how long it will take you to read** it. Time will be longer for dense nonfiction, etc.

\*You can also try this every month or so with a similar level text **to measure if you are improving** or increasing your reading rate. When your reading rate increases, so does your fluency, volume, and stamina.