Directions:

1. Read all of these directions before beginning this assignment.
2. In your Reading Journal, skip a line from the previous entry and write “Initial Reading Goals”, centered on the line, as the title for the assignment. Write the date to the right of the title.
3. Write a brief explanation of why it is important to set goals and work towards achieving goals in our lives.
4. Write a brief, yet specific, explanation of how you plan to meet your goal. For example: “I will read more” is not specific enough. “I will not play video games until I have read for thirty uninterrupted minutes every day” is specific.
5. Write an explanation of what types of books you plan to read. For example: novels with 200 pages or less, graphic novels, novels with 300 or more pages, etc.
6. Trim and attach the tracking sheet you were given in class.
7. Write the goal you are setting for yourself for this trimester on the sheet.
8. Write the name of the book you are reading on the sheet, as well as the author.
9. As you read throughout the week, record the pages and number of minutes that you read each day on the tracking sheet. If you read more than one book in a week, you do not need to use separate tracking sheets for each one. Make sure you write the date for each day of the week on the tracking sheet. The minimum number of minutes to read per day is 40 (20 minutes at school and 20 minutes a night at home and 40 minutes per day at home on non-school days).
10. Re-read what you have written carefully, making any necessary changes or corrections. You should be turning in your BEST work.
11. Mark the date on which you completed this assignment on your work plan.
12. Turn your Reading Journal into your mailbox on Thursday. This should not be turned in earlier because you are to be reading and recording your reading every day of the week.