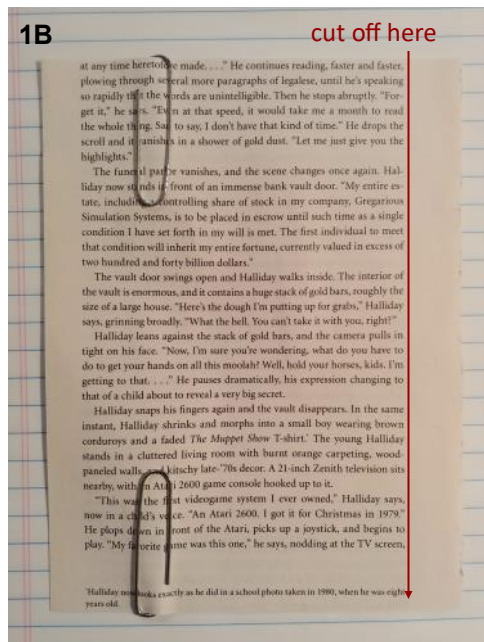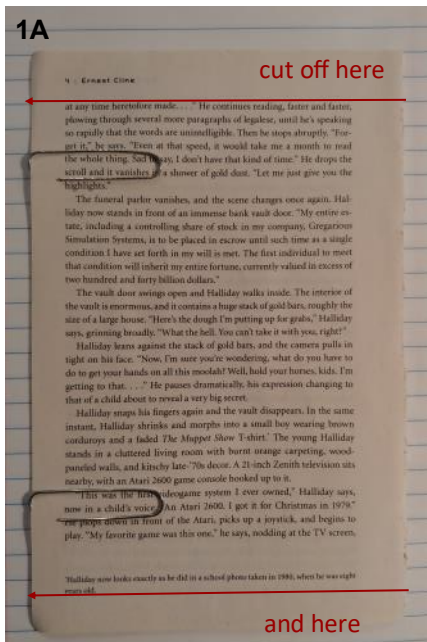**NOTES: *Please be advised, the book pages provided are from books written at an adult reading level. The content of your pages may contain words unsuitable for children.**

A: Take a single page for use as a "test" page. Try cutting several strips of 2 lines of text and several strips of 3 lines of text to test which thickness you like better, before you cut the rest of your book pages. Keep in mind, by using a thinner strip (2 lines of text), you will end up with a finished chain that is longer.
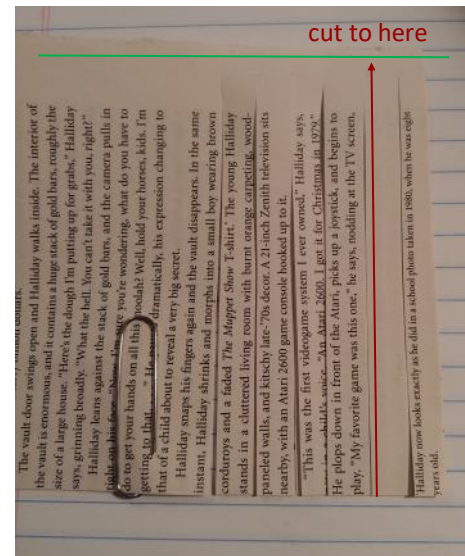
B: Using your "test" loops, try out your planned attachment method —glue, tape, or staple—to ensure you are happy with the look of several loops put together that way.

C: Use the binding of your pages to your advantage. Tear your pages off two at a time whenever possible. The instructions provided use two pages clipped together throughout as a way of accounting for gaps in the text across your pages: pair a page that is only half printed with text (such as the beginning or end of a chapter), with a page that is full of text. In this way, when you cut between the lines of the full text page you will be getting strips of the same thickness out of the attached unprinted page. (If you have any loose, single pages that are not full of text, staple them on the "bound" side to another page that has full text.)
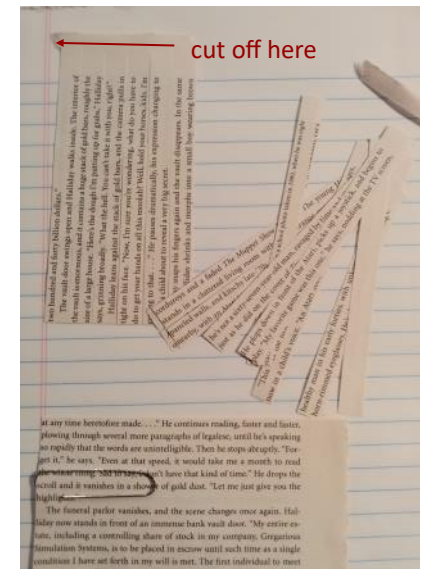
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1. Paperclip the open edge of your pages together to ready them for cutting, (1A). Cut off the top and bottom margins, just above and below the text block. (1B) Move your paperclips onto the newly cut edges. Cut the final open edge off leaving the "bound" edge in tact.

1A — cut off here / and here

1B — cut off here

2. Paper clip the edge you just trimmed. Cut page into strips of text 2 or 3 lines wide (depending on your preferred thickness). Cut into the white, bound margin, but not all the way through the binding.
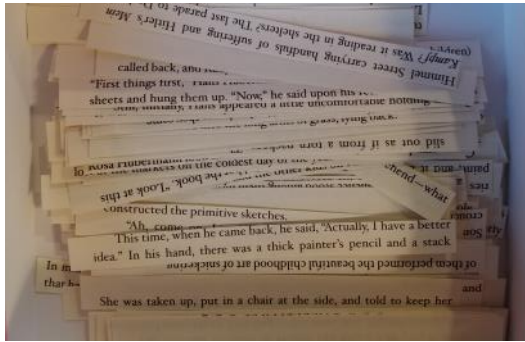

cut to here

3. Cut across the white margin as pictured below, severing your paper strips. (Leave enough white for overlap when gluing or taping strips to themselves).
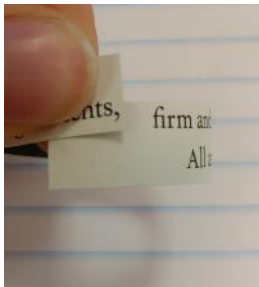

cut off here

4. Cut all the remaining pages (two at a time), into matching strips.

Now you're ready to form your chain!

5. Turn the strip in on itself using the white margin that you didn't cut off as your surface for glue.

6. Join each link inside the previous one in the chain. If you prefer, arrange your paper links so that the lines of text are all readable from the same direction, as below.

Join all the links and watch your chain grow!

Make your chain as long or as short as you like!

Happy Crafting!

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Take & Make

Book Page Paper Chain

For this craft we have provided enough book pages for a chain with 200-300 links, depending on how wide you would like to make each paper strip (see **notes** on next page).

Full-sized books have standard-ish sized text blocks. When using book pages of this width, you will get approximately 6 feet of chain for every 60 loops.

For this craft you will need a way to join your loops together—glue or tape.