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SUMMER BOOK REPORTS  
EIGHTH GRADE

Each student entering the EIGHTH grade in September is required to complete FIVE Summer Book Reports. The following format **MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO WHEN COMPLETING YOUR BOOK REPORTS.**

Title:

Author:

Publisher: This includes the Publishing Company, City of Publication, and Year of Publication

Setting: Include both the PLACE AND TIME in which the story took place

Major Character: Only list ONE or TWO main characters

Summary: MUST NOT EXCEED TEN SENTENCES

Remember that by definition summaries are brief. Good summaries use as few words as possible in order to give the reader basic information about the plot, characters, and setting of the book. A well written summary, though concise, touches on all the elements of plot- this includes an explanation of climax, or outcome, of the novel. The keys to effective summarizing are:

- 1). FOCUS ON THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE PLOT
- 2). AVOID INCLUDING UNNECESSARY DETAILS- IN FACT KEEP DETAILS TO A MINIMUM. SAVE THEM FOR USE IN YOUR REACTION.
- 3). MOST IMPORTANTLY, KEEP IT SHORT

Reaction: MUST BE ONE FULL PARAGRAPH

Your reaction is your critical opinion of the novel. Your opinion must be supported with specific reasons and references to the book. It is IMPERATIVE THAT YOU DEFEND YOUR JUDGEMENT through the use of detailed explanations. When writing your reaction avoid the use of generalizations. Use definite and precise language. For example, do not just state that the novel was suspenseful but explain how the suspense was

created,

comment on what the suspense did for the plot of the novel, or discuss the affects of the suspense on the characters and you the reader. Your reaction can also comment on any lesson (theme) that the novel conveyed and how

this

theme relates to your life. Also, you could comment on the writing style of the book and the characters. Did you find the book easy or difficult to read? Why? Could you relate to any of the characters? Did you learn any new facts or new information by reading the book?

REQUIRED SUMMER READING BOOKS:

*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

*The Pigman* by Paul Zindel

*The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway

*The Pearl* by John Steinbeck

*Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne