

2021 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

8th grade

Welcome to 8th grade summer reading!

This summer you will choose **one book** from the **assigned reading list**. You will **read, annotate, and respond to questions**.

On the first day of class bring the book AND the answers to the questions.

Instructions:

1. Choose a **book from the Assigned Reading List**.

1. While reading, **novel code/annotate the entire book**.
The *Novel Code* sheet is on *page 4* of this document.

3. After reading, **answer questions**.
There are *5 groups of questions*.
 - **Choose 1 question from each of the 5 groups**.
Questions are on *pages 2 and 3* of this document.
 - Answer each question in a thoughtful and **well-developed paragraph** of at least **5 sentences**.
 - Each answer/paragraph should contain **textual evidence** (specific examples from your book) to support your ideas.

On the First Day of School

1. Bring your annotated book to class with your name written inside.
2. Bring your 5 completed paragraph answers.

Reminders:

- Type your paragraphs using Times New Roman, 12 point font and double-space the responses.
- Type the question you are answering at the top of the page.
- Paragraphs are indented.
- Names are capitalized as are the first and main words in a title.
- Titles are italicized.

Happy Reading!!

Group 1-5 Questions

Group 1

Choose ONE of the following questions:

- Describe the setting in your book. How important is it to the story?
- I would/would not like to live during this time period because...
- I would/would not like to live in this place because...
- Introduce the exposition: setting (time and place), characters, and intro to plot and conflict

Group 2

Choose ONE of the following questions:

- Describe the main character in your book. Be sure to give examples.
- Who is the protagonist in your story and what type of conflict does your protagonist face?
- What is the main conflict in your book? How was this conflict resolved?
- What conflict was resolved in a way you don't agree with? Was it not realistic? Explain. How would you resolve that conflict?

Group 3

Choose ONE of the following questions:

- Is your character a static or dynamic character? Explain why he/she is a static or dynamic character by providing examples from the novel. (A static character stays the same from the beginning of the book to the end. A dynamic character changes over the course of the book).
- Describe the main character in your novel (excluding appearance). What are his/her faults? What are his/her strengths?
- What circumstances in your character's life causes them to act as they do?
- The character that interests me most is...because... OR I would be a friend or foe of which character? Why?

Group 4

Choose ONE of the following questions:

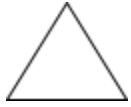
- Choose a conflict in the book and explain how you would solve it in real life.
- What was surprising or shocking in this book? Be specific. Give examples and the reason why you were surprised or shocked.
- Was there a word, phrase, situation, object, or idea repeated in your novel? What was it and why did the author keep bringing it up?
- What lesson about life did you learn from the book? State the lesson and explain the meaning using examples from the book.

Group 5

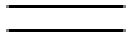
Choose ONE of the following questions:

- Why do you think the author chose the title for the book? Support your answer.
- Explain a situation that occurred in your novel that has happened in our world today. Describe each situation in detail.
- If you were to change one event in the novel, which event would you change and why? Be specific and give examples.
- Think of one quote that you really liked from the novel. Write that quote. Explain the significance of the quote.

Novel Code



new character



description



vocabulary word



important event



setting



author technique

- simile
- hook
- cliffhanger
- symbolism
- flashback
- metaphor
- personification
- hyperbole
- alliteration
- onomatopoeia
- humor
- oxymoron
- satire
- dialogue



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Summer Book Report
8th Grade Grading Rubric

Title of Book: _____

Novel Code/Annotations:

_____ 20 points

Section 1 Question:

_____ 16 points

Section 2 Question:

_____ 16 points

Section 3 Question:

_____ 16 points

Section 4 Question:

_____ 16 points

Section 5 Question:

_____ 16 points

Total: _____
(100 points)