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This summer you are being asked to read The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett. As you read, complete the following summary guide. Each answer should be 3 or 4 sentences long. You may do this on your computer or write it out by hand. If handwritten, please use blue or black ink only, and write in script. No cross-outs will be accepted. If typed, please double space and use font size 12. Please be sure to check your spelling and punctuation! Remember, your work is a reflection of you.

Main Characters – List the main characters and write a sentence or two characterizing each.

Setting – Where does the majority of the story take place? Describe the place so I can ‘see’ it.

Introduction - How does the book begin? What is the main problem in the story?

What kind of person is Mary? Why does she come to Misselwaithe Manor?

Compare Mary and Colin. How were they alike? How did they change?

Compare Colin and his father. How had their negative thoughts made them alike?

Explain the change that took place in Mary. Name an instance in which Mary would have behaved differently before coming to Misselthwaite Manor, and describe how she would probably have behaved afterwards.

What is your opinion of this book? Please be specific and refer to actual text to support/explain your views.

Vocabulary Study

As you read, write down 15 words you are unsure of. Copy a sentence from the book that uses that word, and jot down the page number. Based on how it was used in the sentence, explain what you think the word means.