

8th Grade Summer Reading Project

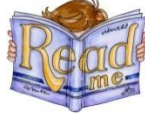
Title of Book _____

Author of Book _____

Select a book from the list of classic books attached. As you read your book, complete each of the following literary explorations. You may complete this on paper or in a document.

1. Write one eight-sentence paragraph **summary** about what you read. Let me know the important events of the plot!
2. **Quote** at least five different statements from what you have read that you enjoyed, and comment thoroughly on them.
3. Pay attention to any **figurative language**. (**metaphor, simile, alliteration**) Select and identify two quotes which contain DIFFERENT figurative language. Explain the purpose of the author's use of that particular figurative language.
4. **Connect** the text to other personal or social events/people. Connections may be text to text, text to self, text to world, text to media. You need four connections, with at least one in each category.
5. Identify and define five **advanced vocabulary words**. Quote the sentence in which the vocabulary word was used.
6. Write five questions that you have about your book's **plot, setting, and characters**. Can you answer the questions once you have finished the book?
7. Select two **symbols** associated with your novel and provide a brief explanation for each.
8. Identify a central **theme** for your novel and EXPLAIN, using concrete details to support your assertion.
9. Give a **review** of the novel in which you rate it on a 5 star scale; 5 being the best and 0 being the worst. Your review should be at least two paragraphs. EXPLAIN!

Summer Reading List Middle School "Classics"



Louisa May Alcott: *Little Women*
Alexander Dumas: *The Count of Monte Cristo*
Lewis Carroll: *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*
Arthur Conan Doyle: *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*
J. R. R. Tolkien: *The Hobbit* or *The Lord of the Rings*
Robert Louis Stevenson: *Treasure Island*
Jules Verne: *A Journey to the Center of the Earth*, *Around the World in 80 Days*, or *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*
Charles Dickens: *Oliver Twist*
Ray Bradbury: *Fahrenheit 451*, *The Martian Chronicles*, *The Illustrated Man*, or *Dandelion Wine*
Stephen Crane: *The Red Badge of Courage*
Harper Lee: *To Kill a Mockingbird*
Jack London: *The Call of the Wild* or *White Fang*
Mark Twain: *Tom Sawyer*
Jane Austen: *Pride and Prejudice*
Charlotte Bronte: *Jane Eyre*
Jack Schaefer: *Shane*
Betty Smith: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
Emily Bronte: *Wuthering Heights*
Daniel Defoe: *Robinson Crusoe*
William Golding: *Lord of the Flies*
Mary W. Shelley: *Frankenstein*
Bram Stoker: *Dracula*
Jonathon Swift: *Gulliver's Travels*
H. G. Wells: *The Time Machine*
Maya Angelou: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
Dee Brown: *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*
J.D. Salinger: *The Catcher in the Rye*
Nathaniel Hawthorne: *The Scarlet Letter*
John Steinbeck: *Tortilla Flat*
John Knowles: *A Separate Peace*
Ken Kesey: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
Rudyard Kipling: *The Jungle Book*
George Orwell: *1984*
Daniel Keyes: *Flowers for Algernon*
Douglas Adams: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*
George Orwell: *Animal Farm*
Richard Wright: *Black Boy*