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Summer Reading for Rising Seventh Graders

Dear Students & Parents,

Summer reading:

- Serves as a springboard for literary discussion and analysis.
- Reinforces plot and literary elements studied in previous grades.
- Introduces plot and literary elements to be mastered in seventh grade.
- Provides teachers with a snapshot of students' levels of concept mastery.

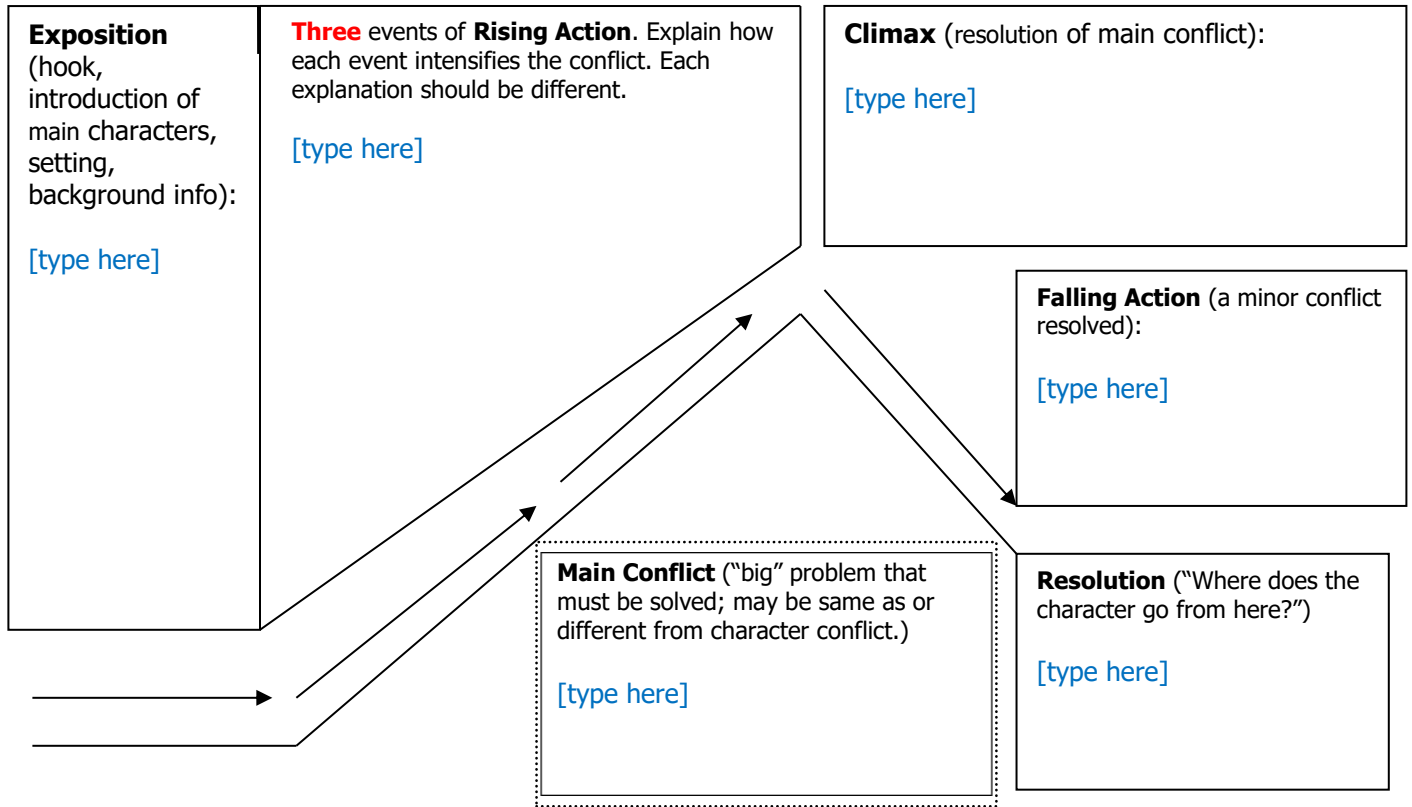
Required Summer Reading Assignment:

- Read at least **one fiction text at or above your reading level THAT YOU HAVE NOT READ BEFORE.** (If you need help choosing a book to read, libraries, bookstores, and reliable websites like www.goodreads.com are excellent places to start your search.)
- Read a book **without a movie version.**
- Complete the **Summer Reading Graphic Organizer.** You can type it or handwrite it, although typing is preferred.
- Come to school prepared to share your graphic organizer, as well as to address plot, characterization, theme, setting, and literary devices in text. Having a copy of the book will be helpful, but it is not required.
- We suggested that as you read, you either take notes or use sticky notes in your book that relate to the prompts below. This way, when you finish reading, you won't have to flip page after page looking for the information.

Happy Reading! --HMS seventh grade language arts teachers

Book Title (properly formatted): [type here]		
Author: [type here] Publisher: [type here] Publication date: [type here]		
Character <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name• Role (e.g. protagonist, antagonist, supporting)	Character's conflict: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe it.• Is it an internal or an external conflict?• Is it:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Person vs. person○ Person vs. self○ Person vs. society○ Person vs. nature	Characterization: Identify and briefly describe each of the main characters in the book. Focus on internal characteristics and behavior, rather than on what the character "looks like." Be specific – give specific details and examples.
[type here]	[type here]	[type here]
[type here]	[type here]	[type here]

Plot Elements: Complete the plot diagram explaining/describing specific events from the book.



Explain: How does the climax resolve the main conflict? The two should be tied tightly together. [type here]

Setting: Identify the setting of the story. If there are several settings, list them. Then answer this question: *Is the setting vital to the plot of the novel? Why or why not? Cite textual evidence (with page numbers) to support your answer.* [type here]

Point of View: Who is telling the story? How do you know? *Cite textual evidence (with page numbers) to support your answer.* [type here]

Theme: What is the idea that is central to the story? How do you know? *Cite textual evidence (with page numbers) to support your answer.* [type here]