

Seventh Grade Summer Reading Selection



Requirements for Book Selection:

- 1- The book you choose must be a novel (i.e. a book that tells a story with setting, characters, conflict, and plot).
 - 2- The book may not be one that you have already read.
 - 3- Your selection must be appropriate for a seventh grade reading level (or above).
 - 4- You may not choose a comic book or a graphic novel.
- *You do not need to purchase this book.



Directions for Book Project:



1- Make a copy of this slideshow (File- Make a Copy).

2-Complete each slide.

3- Be prepared to share your completed slideshow with your seventh grade language arts teacher during the first week of school.

*All work must demonstrate your *original* thought. This means, you may not copy and paste answers from the internet or from another student.

Title of novel:

Author of novel:

Genre of novel:

**Name of sixth grade
language arts teacher:**

**Guided reading level at
the end of sixth grade:**

Protagonist (main character's) name:

Protagonist's main goal in the story:

The main conflict the protagonist faces:

What the protagonist does to try to solve the main conflict:

Signpost #1: Contrast and Contradiction

A **Contrast and Contradiction** occurs when a character (typically the protagonist) acts differently than what the reader would expect.

Directions: Identify a moment in the book when the character acts differently or says something other than what is expected.

Examples of things to look for in your novel:

- a character shows a change in personality (e.g. He is usually very outgoing, but in this case he is acting shy.)
- a character doesn't go along with the rest of the crowd
- a character suddenly changes his mind about something important

Sentence from the story with page number:

What did the character do that was out of the ordinary?:

Why might the character act this way?:

Signpost #2: AHA Moment

An **AHA moment** occurs when the protagonist realizes or understands something that until this point he had not known.

Directions: Identify a moment in the book when the protagonist realizes something he did not already know because another character did or said something that brought new information.

Examples of things to look for in your novel:

- the protagonist learns something significant about another character
- the protagonist finds something out that will help him

Sentence from the story with page number:

What does the character realize?

Signpost #3: Tough Question

Tough Question -Be on the lookout for a time when the protagonist faces internal conflict or struggles with what is happening in his life.

Directions: Identify a moment in the book when the character experiences an internal conflict or something that is burdening him.

Examples of things to look for in your novel:

- a character wondering why something is happening to him
- a character questioning how he is going to get through a situation
- a character asking himself what to do about his problem

Sentence from the story with page number:

How do you predict the character will deal with his problem?

Signpost #4: Words of the Wiser

Words of the Wiser - Be on the lookout for a wise character who offers advice or helps the protagonist learn a lesson or discover a truth about life.

Directions: Identify a moment in the book when a character gives advice to the protagonist.

Examples of things to look for in your novel:

- a coach gives advice to one of his players
- a teacher gives advice to a student
- a grandmother gives advice to her granddaughter
- an older sibling gives advice to a younger sibling

Sentence from the story with page number:

What life lesson does the protagonist learn, and how might this affect him?

Connection: Text to Self



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Directions: Using one of the questions below, explain in detail how an event from the book relates to an event that has occurred in your life.

Text to Self:

What does this remind me of in my life?

What is this similar to in my life?

How is this different from my life?

Has something like this ever happened to me?

How does this relate to my life?

Sentence(s) from the book with page number:

Connection:

Connection: Text to Text

Directions: Using one of the questions below, explain in detail how an event from the book relates to an event that has occurred in another book or short story you have read or in a movie or television show that you have seen.

Text to Text:

What does this remind me of?

How is this text similar to other things I've read/seen?



Sentence(s) from the book with page number:

Connection: