

Summer Reading Assignment – Eighth Grade

Choose any **two** books from the Reading Olympics list for your summer reading. One of the two books you choose will be used for a summer assignment. Please complete one of the following assignments for one book. Your assignment will be due **Wednesday, September 7th.**

1. You have been asked to provide an alternate ending to the book you have just read. In the first paragraph (at least 8 – 10 sentences), summarize the original ending of the book. In the second paragraph (at least 8 – 10 sentences), summarize your alternate ending. The report should be typed in 12 point font. Include a title page with your name, the due date, the title of the book and the author. The rubric for this book report is as follows:

Title Page	10 points
Summary of Original Ending	30 points
Summary of the Alternate Ending	30 points
Spelling	20 points
Grammar	10 points
Total	100 points

2. Interview a character from your book. Write ten questions that would give the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about the story. You should then answer the questions as thoroughly as possible. The questions and answers should be typed in 12 point font. Include a title page with your name, the due date, the title of the book and the author. The rubric for this book report is as follows:

Title Page	10 points
Ten Interview Questions	20 points
Ten Interview Answers	40 points
Spelling	20 points
Grammar	10 points
Total	100 points

You will be given an assessment on the second book you read on **Thursday, September 8th**. This assessment will deal with three components of a story.

1. **Plot** – The **plot** is the sequence of events that make up a story. The five parts of a plot include the exposition (background information), rising action, climax, falling action and resolution. A plot is usually driven by a **conflict**, or problem experienced by the main character. The main conflict unfolds, suspense builds and the plot is developed in the **rising action** portion of the plot. The **climax**, or turning point of the story, is the moment when the suspense reaches its peak and results in some kind of change for the main character. The **falling action** and **resolution** portions of the plot tie up loose ends and may resolve the conflict. You will be asked to describe and reflect upon these various parts of the plot of your story.

2. **Character Sketch** – A character sketch highlights several important characteristics or personality traits of a character and provides evidence from the text for each identified traits. Some examples of character traits are as follows: honest, lazy, fearful, industrious, loyalty, kindness, determination, etc. You will be asked to create a character sketch for one of the characters of the story, providing examples from the book.

3. **Scene Sketch** – You will be asked to illustrate and describe one of your favorite scenes from the story.

You will be permitted to use your book for this assessment. You may find it beneficial to make notes while reading your book to help clarify your ideas and thoughts regarding these components upon which you will be tested. You will be tested on your second book on **Thursday, September 9th**.