

**Decatur City Schools
Eighth Grade Summer Reading
Fiction Book Report**

All incoming eighth grade students need to read the required book for summer reading. Please complete this book report to the best of your ability. This book report is an individual assignment and will count as a test grade. Please write complete sentences. Do not plagiarize, copy, or otherwise turn in work that is not created by you.

Title (1 point)

Author (1 point)

Copyright (1 point)

Genre (1 point)

Setting

The **setting** is the time and place of the story. Answer the following questions about the setting of your novel. Be as specific as possible.

When does the novel take place (what year or time period)? (3 points)

Where does the novel take place? List all main settings. (3 points)

Would you like to visit the setting of your novel? Why or why not? (5 points)

Characterization

The **protagonist**, or main character, is: **(2 points)**

Describe the main character: **(5 points)**

The main character does the right thing when.... **(3 points)**

I can identify with the character when.... **(3 points)**

The **antagonist**, or the person opposing the main character, is: **(2 points)**

Describe this character: **(5 points)**

Another character in the book is: **(2 points)**

Describe this character: **(5 points)**

Theme

The **theme** is the main idea of the story, or what we are supposed to learn about life. Answer the following questions about the setting of your novel. Be as specific as possible.

What is the author trying to say in this story? What is the life lesson you are supposed to learn? **(5 points)**

This is a story about (ex. courage, working hard, doing the right thing, greed, jealousy, love, sadness, etc.).... **(2 points)**

I know this because.... **(5 points)**

Conflict

Conflict is the opposition of forces in the story. There are five main types of conflict: man vs. man, man vs. machine, man vs. self, man vs. society, and man vs. nature.

What type of conflict is in your novel and what is the conflict? (It is possible to have more than one type of conflict in a book.) **(10 points)**

Plot

The **plot** is the series of events that give a story its meaning and effect. What are the main events that happen in the beginning, the middle, and the end of the novel? Make sure the events are in order. You do not have to put every event, but you should put all main events. Think of this as a SUMMARY of the novel.

Beginning
(8 points)

Middle
(8 points)

End
(8 points)

Evaluation

<p>What did you think of the book? Why? (2 points)</p>	<p>What did you like about the book? Explain. (2 points)</p>
<p>What didn't you like about the book? Explain. (2 points)</p>	<p>Was the story confusing or hard to believe? Why? (2 points)</p>
<p>Was the story predictable (did you know what was going to happen)? Explain. (2 points)</p>	<p>The ending was..... (2 points)</p>

I have read the book selected for my course. I understand the summer reading assignment is due the first week we return to school and will be for a grade, and there will be a test on the book as well. I have written my responses to the best of my ability. I understand that if I have questions, I should contact my Language Arts teacher.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name

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