

# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

# SUMMER READING *journal* ASSIGNMENT

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## GENERAL QUESTIONS

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- Both summer reading assignments will be due within the first two weeks of school.
- Students will not have time in class to work on summer reading when school starts.
- Assignments will be submitted on Schoology.
- More information about how to turn in assignments will be given the first week of school.
- See the Summer Reading List that was sent home with report cards and at registration for a list of novels students can read. The list is also on the school's website.
- Each assignment will be worth a minor grade.
- Students must read a different book for each assignment.

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## DIRECTIONS

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- You will write FIVE journal entries. All journal entries should be completed in a GOOGLE DOC. Make sure you sign in with your school email account to create this assignment.
- Break your book into FIVE PARTS. Ex: If your book has 20 chapters, then each part would be 4 chapters.
- Respond to each of the following writing prompts for each part of the book.
- You must CITE TWO PIECES OF EVIDENCE word-for-word from the text to support your claims.
- Don't forget to include in-text citations (author's last name and page number) for your evidence. If you do not, the highest grade you will get is a 60 for plagiarism.
- Each entry must be 5 - 7 sentences.

## ENTRY PROMPTS

- PART 1: Describe the setting of the book. Think about the physical location AND the time period. How is this going to affect the story? Cite two pieces of evidence word-for-word from the text that support your answer and explain them.
- PART 2: Who is the main character of the book? How would you describe their personality? Cite two pieces of evidence word-for-word from the text that support your answer and explain them.
- PART 3: What is the main struggle or conflict that the protagonist is facing? Why is it a conflict for them? Cite two pieces of evidence word-for-word from the text that support your answer and explain them.
- PART 4: Make a prediction about how you think the book is going to end. What parts of the book from what you have read so far make you think this? Cite two pieces of evidence word-for-word from the text that support your answer and explain them.
- PART 5: What is the theme of the book? What lesson does the main character learn? Cite two pieces of evidence word-for-word from the text that support your answer and explain them.

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• Journal Entry 1	_____/20
• Journal Entry 2	_____/20
• Journal Entry 3	_____/20
• Journal Entry 4	_____/20
• Journal Entry 5	_____/20
• Total	_____/100

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## GRAMMATICAL ERRORS

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- If you have more than 5 grammatical errors in the whole assignment, you will lose 10 points.
- Grammatical errors include, but are not limited to: spelling, punctuation, capitalization, commonly confused words, and subject-verb agreement errors.