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Language Arts

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27 August 2018

**SUMMER READING PROJECT ASSIGNMENT SHEET**

*(Title of Your Novel that You Read)*

*Language Arts 8<sup>th</sup> Grade*

**DUE AUGUST 27, 2018 – FIRST MONDAY OF SCHOOL.**

This year the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have a choice in the summer reading from the attached list. Even though there are required readings throughout the year, sometimes it is nice to have a wide variety to choose from. Some of these have movies that may help in understanding the novel. However, as mentioned below, there will be a major writing assignment that will pull information from the actual text of the novel and the movie will not help. You can use a Kindle, Amazon, etc. copy, as long as you are able to bring in a copy of the text to class starting Tuesday, Sept. 4th.

**FORMATTING:**

- 12 pt. font (no bold, cursive, etc.)
- Helvetica, Arial, Courier, Times New Roman only
- Part of grades will be following directions.
- Each section starts a new page

**Heading:**

**Follow the heading as given at the top of this page. Also, type your last name and page # on type right-hand corner, and continue this with each page afterwards.**

**Do not provide a cover page.**

**SPELLING AND COMPLETE SENTENCES COUNT IN THIS PROJECT where required!**

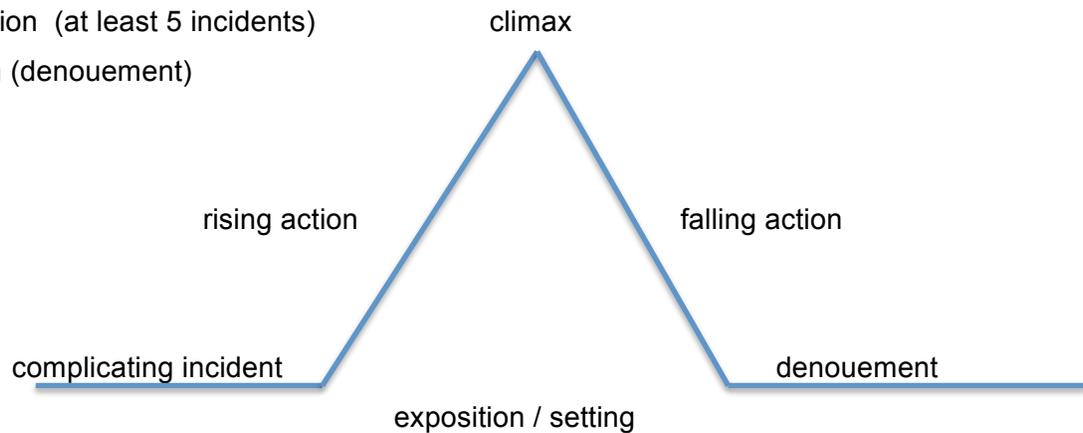
**MAJOR GRADE-**

**Section 1** – List 5 main characters, description of each character (mom, dad, etc.), and (3) personality traits for each character; and identify as protagonist or antagonist (chart format – follow format given below and double space between characters)

<u>Main Character</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Personality Trait</u>	<u>Protagonist/Antagonist</u>
1. Name of character	mom	generous, caring, independent	protagonist
2.			

**Section 2:** New page; Plot Diagram of the story. This may be drawn out (teepee style) or typed out. If you handwrite it, make sure I can read it – neatness counts. This does not have to be in complete sentences.

- setting (exposition)– time and place
- complicating incident
- rising action (at least 5 incidents)
- climax
- falling action (at least 5 incidents)
- resolution (denouement)



**Section 3** – New page; Type a two to three sentence summary of each chapter – this is a summary, not sketchy “baby/simple” sentences. Since each novel has various numbers of chapters, do not complete more than seven chapters. If you have more than seven then pick the chapters to complete the assignment. However, the seven must be scattered throughout the book (i.e., do not complete the first seven chapters in a twelve chapter book).

Chapter 7: (Title of chapter if there is one)

Start first sentence and double space.

Chapter 10:

Now start next summary

Have a wonderful, relaxing, and blessed summer.

*Do not wait till the last minute to complete this assignment nor to ask questions.*

*“One thing you can’t recycle is wasted time.” – borrowed from *The Road to Success**

## SALEM EIGHTH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

2017 - 2018

Cooper, James Fenimore. ***THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS.***

Set in pre-Revolutionary times, this story tells of the Indians caught up in the struggle of Europeans for the continent of North America.

Defoe, Daniel. ***ROBINSON CRUSOE.***

An Englishman’s great resourcefulness enables him to survive for almost thirty years on the desert island where he is shipwrecked.

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. ***THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES***

Sir Charles Baskerville, a baronet, is found lying dead among yew trees in the grounds of his country house, Baskerville Hall. The cause of death is ascribed to a heart attack. Fearing for the safety of Sir Charles’s nephew and only known heir, Henry Baskerville—who was coming to London from Canada to claim his inheritance—Dr. James Mortimer travels from Devon to London, and appeals for help from Sherlock Holmes regarding a two century curse on the family.

Hillenbrand, L. ***SEABISCUIT: AN AMERICAN LEGEND !***

He was a cultural icon. A world-class athlete. A champion who triumphed over terrible handicaps to become a legend of the racetrack. No other racehorse has rivaled Seabiscuit’s fame or his sway over the nation’s imagination.

L'Engle, Madeleine. ***A RING OF ENDLESS LIGHT.***

This novel tells of the summer in which the Austin family supports their minister grandfather as he dies of leukemia. During the story, Vicky Austin and two friends continue their experiment with telepathic contact with dolphins.

Lewis, C. S. ***THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE.***

Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

London, Jack. ***WHITE FANG.***

A wolf-dog experiences the wilds, the campfire, and finally the habitation of the white man that molds him into a loyal ally.

Montgomery, L. M. ***ANNE OF GREEN GABLES.***

An adventurous young orphan goes to live on a farm with an elderly brother and sister.

Stevenson, Robert Louis. ***TREASURE ISLAND.***

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map which leads to a pirate's fortune as well as great danger.

Twain, Mark. ***THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER.***

A poverty-stricken child and Edward, Prince of Wales, exchange clothes during a chance encounter. Each boy must live the other's life until they are restored to their true identities.

Avi. ***The Confessions of Charlotte Doyle.*** Newbery Honor Book

Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle is excited to return home from her school in England to her family in Rhode Island in the summer on 1832.