

St. Joseph Catholic School Summer Reading 2023-2024



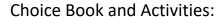
Seventh Grade

Due Date for Summer Reading – Wednesday, August 16, 2023.

Required Book and Graphic Organizer:

 All students will read the following book and complete the attached graphic organizer:

Upside Down and in the Middle of Nowhere by Julie T. Lamana



- 2. All students will choose **one** book from the following list and complete **one** activity from each column on page 5.
- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (5.7, 7 points)
- Allies by Alan Gratz (5.6, 9 points)
- Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein (6.5, 15 points)
- The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett (6.3,13 points)
- Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery (7.3, 17 points)
- Ranger's Apprentice by John A. Flanagan (5.9, 19 points)
- Words on Fire by Jennifer A. Nielson (5.6, 11 points)
- Space Case by Stuart Gibbs (5.3, 11 points)
- The Van Gogh Deception by Deron Hicks (5.4, 9 points)
- The Fowl Twins by Eoin Colfer (7.5, 14 points)

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Summarizing Your Book

When you tell someone about your day, you include the important people, places, and events but leave out the little details. Similarly, a summary of a story is a brief retelling. It includes only the main characters, setting, conflict, and important events. When reading a story, you might have personal opinions, or feelings, about it. You might also make judgments about the story-whether it's believable, well-written, and so on. Although it's fine to have opinions and make judgments; don't include them in a summary. A summary is supposed to be objective, or tell only the facts.

<u>Directions</u>: Complete the graphic organizer after you read your book. If you are familiar with the five stages of plot, you can use them; or you can use the beginning, middle, and end column to guide your work.

	Plot	Notes
Beginning	Introduces the setting and the characters Sets up or hints at the conflict (problem)	
	Rising Action Shows how the conflict becomes more difficult Builds suspense	
Middle	Is the most exciting part and a turning point	
	Falling Action Eases the tension Shows how the main character resolves the conflict	
End	Resolution Reveals how everything turns out Sometimes ends with a surprise twist	

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	Main Character	
What makes the characters in a	story seem real? It's all in the details. A	uthors can describe the characters'
attitudes, or how they think, act, and feel.	They can also describe the characters' on changes during a story. As the story u	motivations, or the reasons for their actions. infolds, readers learn more about a characte
Directions: Complete the graphic organi	zer as you read to show how your charac	ter changes throughout the book.
Name of Main Character:		
Beginning of Book What the Main Character Does	Why Ho/Sha Doos #	What This Shows About Him/Her
Example: Benny takes an ice cream	Why He/She Does It Example: He might think it is funny.	Example: He is not always kind; he
cone from Lisa.	Example: He might think it is fullify.	likes to play jokes.
Middle of Book		
What the Main Character Does	Why He/She Does It	What This Shows About Him/Her
Further Book		
End of Book What the Main Character Does	Why Ho/Sha Doos It	What This Shows About Him/Her
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Determining Theme

"Winning isn't everything." "Follow your heart." You've probably learned lessons like these at one time or another. Your own experience is usually the best teacher, but literature can also communicate important truths, or themes. A theme is a message about life or human nature that author wants readers to understand.

To determine a theme in your book, you must first decide on a topic. A topic is one or two words that sum up what the book is about.

<u>Directions:</u> Circle the topics that are related to your book.

Common Topics Found in Books

childhood	courage	death	faith
family	freedom	friendship	self-reliance
success	Growing up	hate	hope
identity	independence	justice	love
trust	truth	loyalty	nature
patience	patriotism	prejudice	race relations
Self-improvement	unhappiness	violence	war

<u>Directions:</u> Select two topics from the box and name a theme that relates to each. If you choose the topic of friendship, for example, you might use the theme, "Treat others as you wish to be treated." Using specific details from the text, explain how your book teaches these themes.

Topic	Theme	Details From Book
		*Use at least four sentences.
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Column One	Column Two	Column Three	
Cinquain Cinquains are identification poems. They are short poems designed to capture the "main idea" of a person or concept. Your Task: Write a Cinquain about one of the main characters in your book. Format: Line 1-One Word (Name of Main Character Line 2-Two words that describe the character Line 3-Three action "ing" words about what the character does Line 4-A four or five word phrase describing the character Line 5-One word that renames the character	Collage Your Task: Create a picture from pieces of paper and pictures to create an image that represents one of the themes of the book. Examples of themes would include Family, Love, Injustice, Friendship, etc.	Pouble Entry Journal Your Task: Divide your paper into two columns. Column 1 is for quotations from th book. (They do not have to be things said the characters. They are simply lines from the book that you are reacting to.) Column 2 is for your reaction to the quotation includin how it connects to your life or how it makes you feel. You should have at least five quotations and responses. Format: Quotation Response	
Bio-Poem Your Task: Choose any character from your book to complete the following statements. Format: Line 1-Name Line 2-Three describing words Line 3-Who is from Line 4-Who cares deeply about Line 5-Who gives Line 6-Three more describing words Line 7-Who fears Line 8-Who would like to see Line 9 Who is remembered for Line 10-Name	Your Task: Choose one chapter in your book. Then determine the 8 most important events in that chapter and create an illustrated summary. Each event should have an illustration and a caption. Format:	Newspaper Article Your Task: Write a newspaper article about an event that happens in your book. Format: *Write a headline *Write 1-2 paragraphs that explain the event including who, what, where, when, how, and why. *Draw a photograph to go with the article with a caption.	
Diamante Poem A Diamante poem is used to compare and contrast. It is written in the shape of a diamond. Your Task: Write a Diamante Poem comparing and contrasting the main character and one other character. Format: Line 1-Character 1 Name Line 2-Two words describing character 1 Line 3-Three action words about character 1 Line 4-A four or five word phrase describing BOTH character 1 and 2 (what they have in common) Line 5-Three action words about character 2 Line 6-Two words describing character 2 Line 7- Character 2 Name	Bumper Sticker Your Task: Create a car bumper sticker with a short statement based on an important event in your book. Before creating your bumper sticker, research bumper stickers that were popular during the time period of your book if possible. If not, get creative! Your Bumper Sticker should include: A short statement Color and one illustration A design similar to the time period of the book	Verbal Visual Vocabulary Your Task: Choose ten words from your book that you did not already know and complete a box for each containing the following information. Format: Vocabulary Word Definition Sentence containing the word.	