

Dear Students and Parents,

Reading over the summer has many benefits for students. According to our policy at Holy Trinity Parish School, each student is required to read over the summer.

Incoming 7th graders will need to select and read **one novel** from the list below.

- *Ban This Book -Alan Gratz*
- *Echo -Pam Munoz Ryan*
- *A Wizard's Guide to Defensive Baking -T.Kingfisher*
- *Inheritance Games -Jennifer Lynn Barnes*
- *OCDaniel -Wesley King*
- *Paper Wishes -Lois Sepahban*
- *Threads -Ami-Polonsky*
- *I Kill the Mockingbird -Paul Acampora*
- *In Case You Missed it -Sarah Darer Littman*
- *Stella by Starlight -Sharon M Draper*
- *Lifeboat 12 -Susan Hood*
- *Soldier Dog-Sam Angus*
- *Tesla's Attic- Neil Shusterman*
- *The War that Saved My Life -Kimberly Brubaker Bradely*
- *Unseen Magic -Emiay Llyod-Jones*
- *The World Within -Jane England*
- *Zebra Forst -Adina Rishe Gewirtz*
- *Johnny Tremain -Esther Forbes*

After reading the novel, students must complete the following activities included in this packet:

- Complete a story arc.
- Complete the character connections activity.

All work will be due on the first day of Literature Class.

When we return to school, we will use these novels as a springboard for classroom activities and discussions. We will also review elements of literature (plot, setting, conflict, character traits, theme, etc.), analyze figurative language, and learn to write a Response to Literature essay using your summer reading novels.

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading! See you in August!

-Mrs. Tapp

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PLOT STRUCTURE

story arc

Student Directions: This page shows you a simple plot structure story arc, which is essentially the storyline that unfolds over the course of a writing piece. Use the information on this page to complete a story arc for your summer reading novel.

CLIMAX

The turning point in the story; it is typically the most exciting part in the story.

RISING ACTION

Suspense builds and the problem becomes more complicated; there are often multiple steps or parts in the rising action.

FALLING ACTION

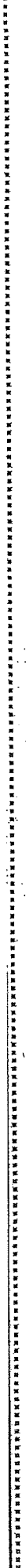
The events that happen after the climax that lead to a resolution or the ending of the story.

RESOLUTION

The outcome of the story; it is how things end up or turn out for the characters.

EXPOSITION

Introduces the characters, describes the setting, and establishes the problem in the story.



Name:

Date:

Blank Story Arc

Student Directions: Complete this blank plot structure story arc with information from your story.

CLIMAX

FALLING ACTION

RISING ACTION

RESOLUTION

EXPOSITION

Name: _____

Date: _____

Character Connections

Directions: Write the names of three main characters from your summer reading book in the small boxes below. Include a brief description of each character along with a picture and significant quote that either that character says or someone says about the character (include the page number). On the back page, you will be exploring how each of these characters connects to one another.

Title of Literary Work

Character One: Picture: Description:	Character Two: Picture: Description:	Character Three: Picture: Description:
Quote: _____ _____ _____ _____	Quote: _____ _____ _____ _____	Quote: _____ _____ _____ _____

CHARACTER CONNECTIONS RUBRIC

STUDENT NAME: _____

<p>Following Directions</p> <p>Student completed all aspects of the first activity – a picture, description, and quote were all included and thoughtfully done.</p> <p>Point Value:</p>	<p>Going Further: Character One & Two</p> <p>Student answers questions thoughtfully and thoroughly, paying close attention to the relationship between the two characters.</p> <p>Point Value:</p>	<p>Going Further: Character One & Three</p> <p>Student answers questions thoughtfully and thoroughly, paying close attention to the relationship between the two characters.</p> <p>Point Value:</p>	<p>Going Further: Character Two & Three</p> <p>Student answers questions thoughtfully and thoroughly, paying close attention to the relationship between the two characters.</p> <p>Point Value:</p>	<p>Professional Appearance</p> <p>Responses must be written neatly in cursive, indented, and include proper spelling, punctuation, and grammar.</p> <p>Point Value:</p>
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TEACHER COMMENTS / FEEDBACK:

Total Score: _____

TRANSITION WORDS / PHRASES TO HELP YOU WRITE MORE:

- In addition,
- On the other hand,
- For example,
- Even though,
- Furthermore,
- Most important,