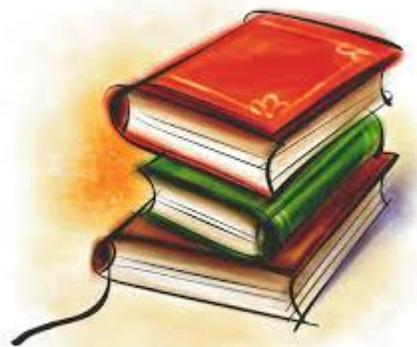


Summer Reading Assignment

Incoming 7th Graders

The Sagemont School

2018-19



Students should select and read two of the following classic novels:

→*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott (unabridged)

→*The Call of the Wild* by Jack London (unabridged)

→*The Red Pony* by John Steinbeck (unabridged)

→*That Was Then, This Is Now* by S.E. Hinton

**Please note, students should select and read two different books to complete the two assignments listed. For example, if a student selects *That Was Then, This Is Now* for the AR test, they should select a different book for the written Summer Reading Summary.

Assignment 1 (First book selection)

Students should be prepared to complete an AR reading comprehension test on the first book selected. The test will be given during the first week of school.

Students might wish to take notes and summarize the book as they read so it will be easier to review before taking the AR test.

Assignment 2 (Second book selection)

For a different book than what was read for Assignment 1, students should complete the attached Summer Reading Summary and bring it to class on the first day of school. Make sure the Summary is written using grammatically correct sentences and punctuation.

Name _____

Summer Reading Summary

The following sheet is to be used to help you record notes about the classic novel you have selected. Please complete these notes as you read. Review them prior to the start of the new school year so that you are ready for discussion and assessment of the books.

Book title _____

Author _____

Setting - Setting is the time and place of the action of a story. Customs, manners, clothing, scenery, weather, geography, buildings, rooms, furnishings, and methods of transportation are all part of setting.

List the different settings in the story:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Characters –Complete the following character chart.

Character Name

Purpose*

3 descriptive adjectives**

*What purpose does the character serve? Protagonist? Antagonist? Supporting?

**Use creative adjectives only once!

Plot

Plot is the sequence of events in a story. It is the writer’s blueprint, or plan, for what happens, when, and to whom. The plot of a story begins with a basic situation. The writer introduces a conflict – a problem or struggle faced by the main character. The conflict leads to other events and builds to the climax, or high point of interest and intensity. At this point in the story, or shortly after, some event ends, or resolves, the conflict.

Basic situation: _____

Conflict: (Problem that needs resolution) _____

Event: _____

Event: _____

Event: _____

Climax: (This is the section of the story of greatest intensity, a crisis point to which preceding events have been leading.)

Resolution: _____

Thematic Analysis

Theme is the main idea of a work of literature. Often the theme is a message about human nature. Some literary works are written purely for entertainment. In these, the writer often does not try to convey an important message. However, most writing does attempt to communicate a theme. Sometimes the theme is stated directly. At other times, careful reading and thought may be necessary to uncover the theme. An example could be “greed can bring misery” or something as simple as “joys of nature can be even more pleasurable if they are shared.”

Assignment: Write a 3 paragraph essay in which you identify the theme of the story, explain it in detail, and cite textual evidence that most strongly supports your analysis of the theme. Please prepare your essay in MLA format and attach it to your Summary.

Include these elements:

- ✓ a thesis statement that describes your analysis
- ✓ evidence from the text that most strongly supports your analysis
- ✓ evidence from the text that explicitly supports the ideas you present
- ✓ language that is formal, precise, and follows the rules of standard English

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Criteria for Success	not very	very
How clear and effective is your thesis statement?	1 2 3 4 5 6	
How clearly have you presented and supported your analysis of the text?	1 2 3 4 5 6	
How well have you supported your analysis with explicit evidence from the text?	1 2 3 4 5 6	
How successful is your use of standard English? Is your paper in MLA format?	1 2 3 4 5 6	
How well have you succeeded in using a formal style and appropriate tone for your audience?	1 2 3 4 5 6	

Acknowledgement

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the *Summer Reading Assignment for Incoming 7th Graders* of The Sagemont School 2018-19. I understand that the assignments must be completed by the first day of school.

Student name: _____

Parent signature: _____

Please return this form to Mrs. Mallak (room 115) by **Friday, June 1, 2018.**

Date: _____