

Summer Reading/Writing Requirements
9th-10th grade

For each of the two books you read this summer, you will be composing an **essay** that is a literature analysis of the novel.

You should follow the **five paragraph essay format**, with the main topic of the paper coming at the end of the first paragraph.

Paragraph 1 – Introduction with three main points to be covered in essay and your main topic sentence at the end. ***This is also where you explain what the book was about.***

Paragraph 2 – Your 1st main point

Paragraph 3 – Your 2nd main point

Paragraph 4 – Your 3rd main point

Paragraph 5 – Closing (sum up everything you said in the essay and how it relates to your main topic.

*You may never write in 1st person (I, we, me) or 2nd person (you).

Use the following guidelines to write your essay. Choose one topic to write your essay on. Each topic has enough information to easily be divided into three main points for your body paragraphs.

Character Analysis/Compare and Contrast Characters

- List **three** main characters and describe their relationships to each other (friends, parent and child, etc.)
- What do they have to overcome in the book?
- What do they do in the book?
- What are they important characters?
- Compare and contrast them to one another.
- Use a quote from each character to show their personality.

Major Events

- Describe **three** major events in the book and give details.
- Why was each event important to the novel?
- How did the event affect the characters?
- How did it affect the plot of the story? How did it move the action forward?
- Was the event linked to any major theme in the story?

Conflicts (There are 4 types of conflicts in literature: man vs. man, man vs. nature, man vs. himself, man vs. society)

- Discuss three major conflicts in the story.
- Which was the main conflict? (The one that is resolved in the climax)
- Who was involved in the conflict? How did the conflict affect the characters?
- How did it affect the plot of the story? How did it move the action forward?
- How was each conflict resolved?