

Incoming 7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

All work will be turned in by Friday **Sep 5, 2025** . Anything completed digitally should be turned into the Google classroom once they get their chromebooks. Printed work can be turned in anytime on or before the due date. *Note there are many excellent books to choose from; so if you want to read more than one, please do so!

Attached in this packet:

1. This information sheet (step by step!) + book list
2. Character Consideration sheet - body outline; Character Consideration sheet - feelings/thought/speech bubbles ... **you will choose one worksheet to complete.**
3. Sketch notes - DIRECTIONS sheet - this is full of helpful information and general guidelines for taking notes while reading and ideas for what to include in the One Pager Project
4. Fiction Directions for One Pager (use if you read a fiction book)
5. Non-fiction Directions for One Pager (use if you read a non-fiction book)
6. **Rubric - please read the rubric and the checklist on the last page of the packet**

Step #1: Read **one** of the book options listed below.

Step #2: On **lined** paper or a Google Slide/Doc - write a summary of the book

- **SUMMARY-**
 - Write sentences explaining the setting (time and place) and the key events that took place in the story. Use details from the story in your summary and include what you think the theme is (main message) and why it's the theme.

Step #3: use **one** of the provided character consideration sheets to complete a character sketch for the main character (or one of the main characters)

- **CHARACTERIZATION-** fill out the graphic organizer for one character from the book you chose

Step #4: One pager

- **ONE PAGER-**
 - Complete it digitally or on **white paper**. This is meant to be a creative project. Follow the directions but **think outside the box!** I've included an overall directions sheet and a specific directions sheet for both fiction and nonfiction.
 - THE ENTIRE PIECE OF CONSTRUCTION PAPER SIZE PAPER SHOULD BE FILLED.
 - *I will post an example of a one pager on my school website before the end of June - please check if you need guidance!*
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3. City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

“An underground city built as a refuge, residents live in darkness, relying on artificial light. When the city's power begins to fail and supplies dwindle, two children, Lina and Doon, discover clues hinting at a way out, forcing them to risk everything to save their city and find a new future above ground.”

4. Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

“A historical fiction novel set in Philadelphia during the devastating yellow fever epidemic of 1793. It follows 14-year-old Mattie Cook as she struggles to survive the outbreak, her family business, the Cook Coffeehouse, is threatened, and her world turned upside down.”

5. Soar by Joan Bauer

“Jeremiah is the world’s biggest baseball fan. He really loves baseball and he knows just about everything there is to know about his favorite sport. So when he’s told he can’t play baseball following an operation on his heart, Jeremiah decides he’ll do the next best thing and become a coach.”

6. In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall

“Jimmy McClean is a Lakota boy—though you wouldn’t guess it by his name: his father is part white and part Lakota, and his mother is Lakota. When he embarks on a journey with his grandfather, Nyles High Eagle, he learns more and more about his Lakota heritage—in particular, the story of Crazy Horse, one of the most important figures in Lakota and American history.”

7. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati: Journey to the Summit by Ana Maria Vazquez

“A biography for young readers, highlighting Pier Giorgio's vibrant and adventurous life. It showcases his student antics, athletic prowess, social justice activism, and dedication to helping the poor.”

8. The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

“Seventh-grader, Holling Hoodhood, is convinced his teacher hates him. Through their Wednesday afternoon Shakespeare sessions she helps him cope with events both wildly funny and deadly serious.”

9. The Crossover by Alexander Kwame

“Josh and JB are basketball legends at their school. They also happen to be identical twins, but it's easy to tell them apart if you know how to look. As the boys build up to one of the most important matches of their lives, tensions grow between them and things at home and at school also add to the pressure.”

10. Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry

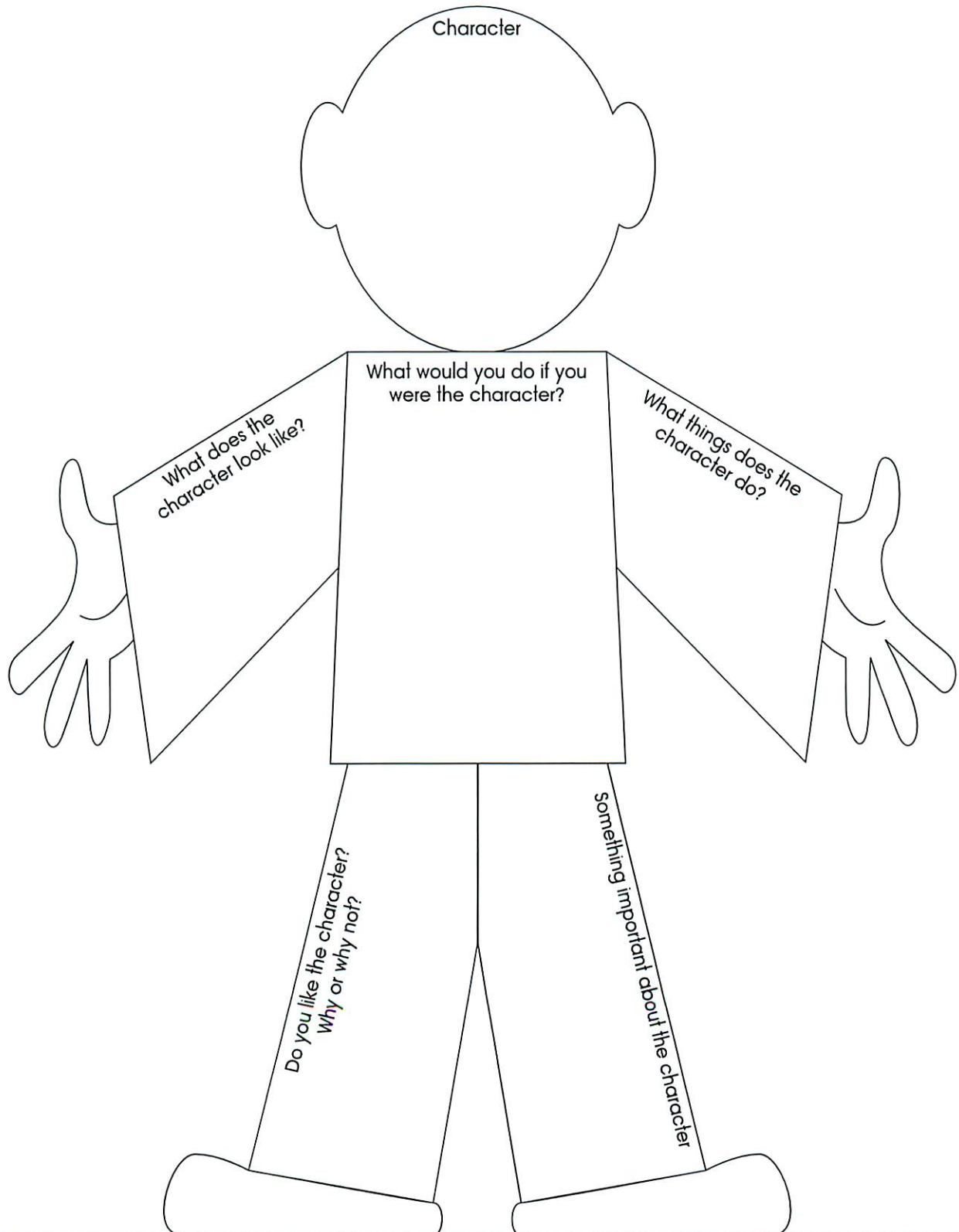
“An orphan boy named Peter and his friend Molly overthrow pirates and thieves on their journey to keep a secret safe in this pre-Peter Pan story. Take an adventure from a port in England to a battle at sea.”

Name _____

Character Consideration

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Title: _____ **Author:** _____



Name _____

Character Consideration

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Title: _____ Author: _____

Character: _____

Thoughts

Quotes

Actions

Feelings

Goals

Description

What others say about character

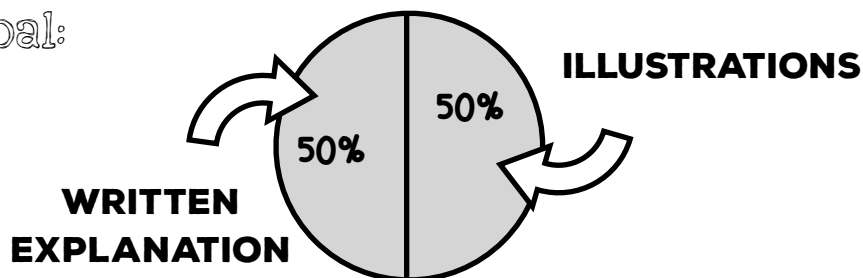
Something else important

Sketch Notes

DIRECTIONS

Directions: Take notes during the reading and/or lecture. Sketch and doodle to help explain the concepts covered. Include thorough notes as well.

Your Goal:



1. BE COMPLETE.
2. BE THOROUGH.
3. ADD IMAGES.
4. MAKE CONNECTIONS.
5. BE READY TO SHARE.
6. FLOW CHARTS ARE COOL.
7. DIAGRAMS ARE AWESOME.
8. PICTURES ARE WARMLY WELCOME.
9. USE THE HANDOUT GIVEN LOGICALLY.
10. BE AWARE OF WHAT SPACE YOU HAVE TO CAPTURE THE CONCEPTS GIVEN.
11. INCLUDE A TITLE, YOUR NAME AND THE TOPIC.
12. DID YOU CAPTURE ALL MAJOR POINTS?
13. INCLUDE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE TOO.

Rubric:

Attention to Detail: /

Depth: /

Artistry: /

TOTAL: /

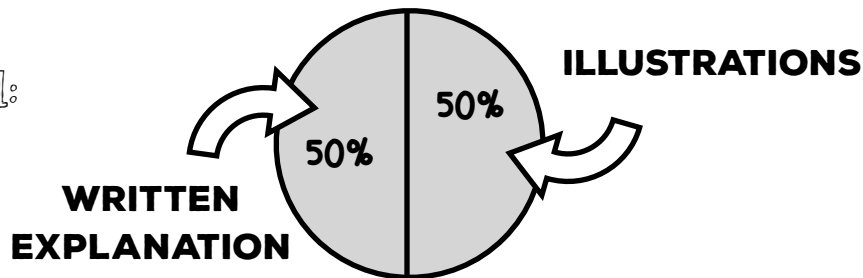
SKETCH NOTES

Include detailed notes and relevant sketches to help you understand the concepts.

Fiction **DIRECTIONS** *for* One Pagers

Directions: Choose a minimum of 5-6 elements from the list below to add to your one pager notes. Then, mark which ones you have included in the box next to the element. Complete each element in writing and with images.

Your Goal:



Rubric:

Attention to Detail: /

Depth: /

Artistry: /

TOTAL: /

ONE PAGER

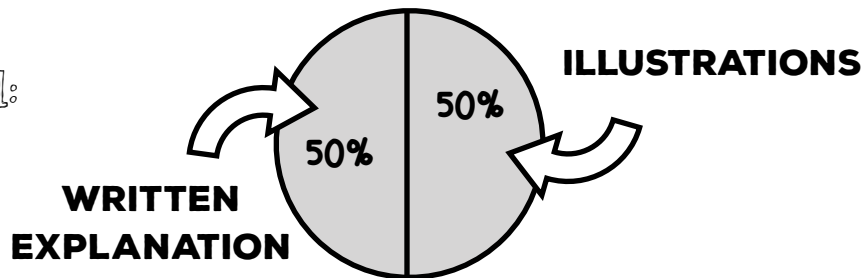
Shows your understanding of the topic with pictures and in writing.

- ☐ **THEME(S)**
- ☐ **QUOTES**
- ☐ **SETTING**
- ☐ **CHARACTER'S DECISIONS**
- ☐ **CHANGES IN CHARACTERS**
- ☐ **TONE**
- ☐ **MAIN EVENTS**
- ☐ **CHARACTER TRAITS**
- ☐ **CLIMAX**
- ☐ **IMAGERY**
- ☐ **NARRATOR**

Non-Fiction DIRECTIONS for One Pagers

Directions: Choose a minimum of 5-6 elements from the list below to add to your one pager notes. Then, mark which ones you have included in the box next to the element. Complete each element in writing and with images.

Your Goal:



Rubric:

Attention to Detail: /

Depth: /

Artistry: /

TOTAL: /

ONE PACER

Shows your understanding of the topic with pictures and in writing.

- ☐ MAIN POINTS
- ☐ STATISTICS/DATA/DATES
- ☐ LOCATION
- ☐ AUTHOR BIO
- ☐ SUB-POINTS
- ☐ FLOW CHARTS/OUTLINES
- ☐ SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
- ☐ PEOPLE INVOLVED
- ☐ QUESTIONS YOU HAVE
- ☐ ADDITIONAL RESEARCH NEEDED
- ☐ RATE THE PIECE AND EXPLAIN

Middle School Summer Reading Rubric

Name: _____

Number: _____

Book Title: _____

Homeroom: _____

Total /20 Grade:			
Notes:			
Quality	4	3	2
Attention to Detail/Effort	4	3	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student effort is evident in the final product - All required elements are completed with detail 	One element is missing/incomplete	More than one element is missing.incomplete	Project is incomplete/shows no evidence of grade level effort
Artistry	3	2	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project is neat, creative and the page is full 	Project is mostly neat	Project is messy/paper is incomplete.	Project does not mean the requirement for imagery
Depth of Understanding	2	1	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student shows a depth of understanding of the novel - Elements included are completed thoughtfully and with intention 	Student shows a good understanding	Student shows a partial understanding	Student does not demonstrate understanding of the material
Summary	1	0	-1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Book summary is neat, thorough and easy to understand 	Summary is neat, but may be missing a few details	Summary is messy and/or missing several details	Summary is missing and/or entirely incomplete
Characterization	0	-1	-2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Characterization sheet is completed thoughtfully and thoroughly 	Characterization may be partially incomplete and/or missing a few details.	Characterization may be partially incomplete and/or missing many details.	Characterization is incomplete.