Grade 6

Summer Reading

Choose a book from the **mysteries** listed below.

Secrets of Shakespeare's Grave (or any in the Shakespeare Series) by Deron R. Hicks

Murder is Bad Manners (or any other in the series) by Robin Stevens

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

The Ambrose Deception by Emily Ecton

Me, Frida and the Secret of the Peacock Ring by Amy Novesky

Three Times Lucky (or any title in The Mo and Dale Mysteries) by Shelia Turnage

Enola Holmes Mystery Series by Nancy Springer

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

Nancy Drew Mysteries by Carolyn Keene

Hardy Boy Mysteries by Franklin W. Dixon

Serafina and the Black Cloak by Robert Beatty

Task:

You are a detective, and now that the mystery in your book has been solved, your job is to file an official case report for your agency's records. You'll need to review all the information and complete your report accurately. Make the report look as official as you can by designing your own case report form.

Your report needs to include all the information listed below.

- 1. Book title and author
- 2. The name of your detective agency
- 3. Description of the "hook". What lures the reader in?
- 4. Description of the setting (s)

- 5. Description of the mystery. What was the problem or crime that needed to be solved? Be detailed and specific.
- 6. List at least THREE clues that helped solve the mystery. Next to each clue, write the information the clue revealed in the end.
- 7. Make a list of any "false clues" that were meant to throw you off track. Explain each one.
- 8. Make a list of suspects. Beside each suspect write any suspicious behavior that occurred at any point in the story. Write whether any additional information was revealed about each suspect at the end of the story.
- 9. Describe how the mystery was solved.

You must also create a map of significant places, people and events in your mystery.

Your map should---

- ~ be detailed.
- ~ be specific
- ~ show thought and planning
- ~ be neat and visually appealing
- ~ have a key or legend

You must also read TWO other books---your choice. However, be sure not to choose books that you have read before.

Task:

As you read keep track of quotes and/or passages that are in someway relevant to the story (characters/setting/conflict etc.).

You should be prepared to read and discuss the passages/quotes your choices.

