

Hello Incoming 6th Graders!

I am so beyond excited to have you as students in my classroom in the Fall. Middle school is a very big transition, but I promise that I will help you along the way to ensure that you will be as successful in ELA as you possibly can.

This summer, I am going to ask you to read *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart. It is a super exciting novel filled with thrilling mysteries, mystifying puzzles, and awesome characters. It's a perfect introduction to all the work we will do next year centering on 6th Grade's year-long theme of The Ways Authors Build Identity.

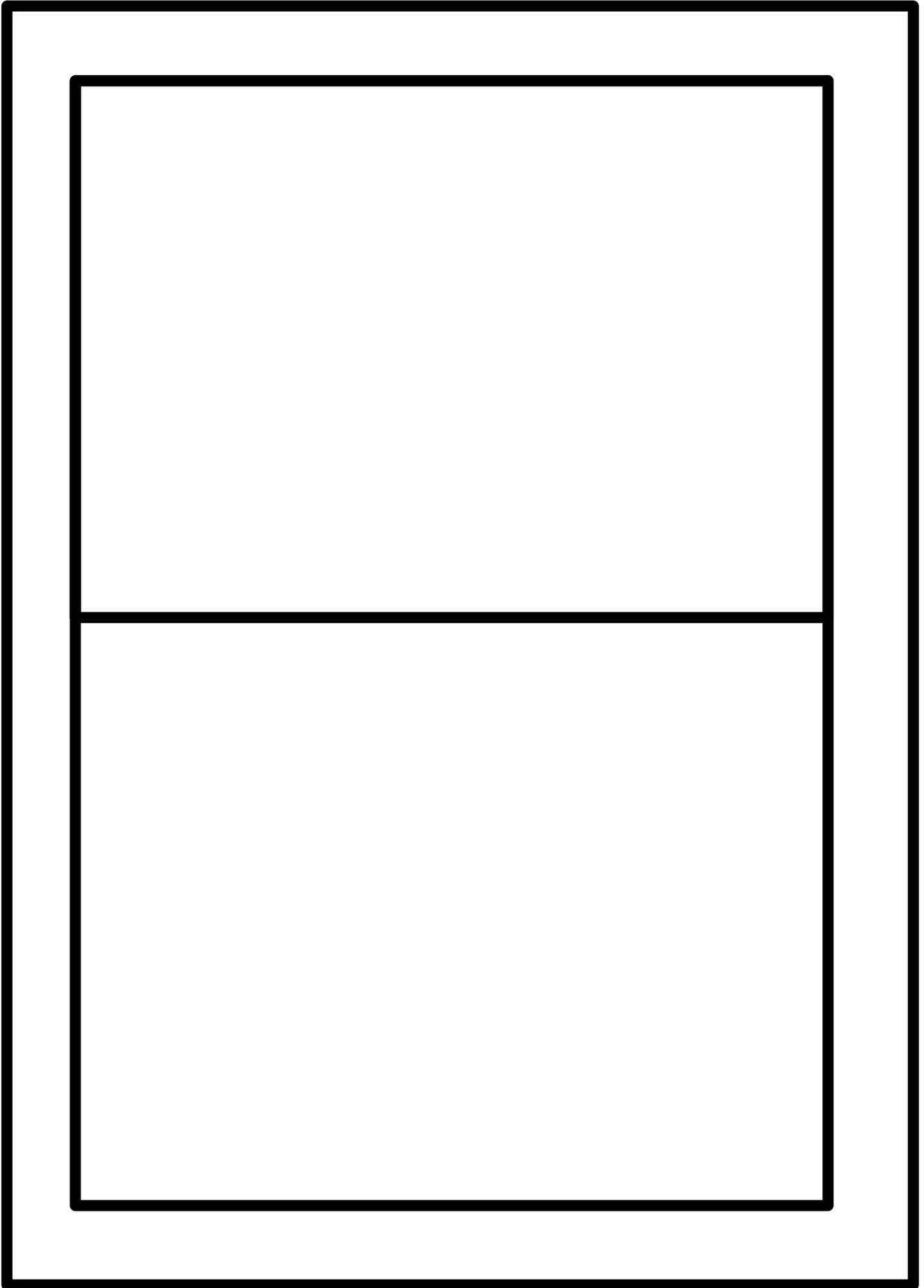
While you're reading, I want you to pay special attention to any details in the novel that stand out to you. Take notes on the novel you read either in a notebook or within the margins of your book if you own your novel. These will be used for you to complete one of your first assignments after you arrive in school in September.

Attached is the Summer Work you will be completing for me in addition to any annotations you make in your book or on paper. This assignment is called a one pager. It's a creative activity that allows you to show what you learned from a novel in whichever way you like best: words, images, and colors

Fill out the one pager attached (it's on the back of the directions page) and bring it with you for the first day of school! You do not need to bring this letter :)

I'm so thrilled to experience everything with you next year!

- Miss Curry





One Pager Directions

A one pager is a way to visually share key ideas and information from what you have learned. When you create a one pager, you are trying to use both visual symbols and important words to clearly and concisely share your most important takeaways with someone else.

For this one pager, I've provided you with a template.

Here's what it MUST INCLUDE:

- A border of key quotations from the text
- The top half should focus on symbolism and themes from the text, including both words and images.
- The bottom half should focus on key characters from the text and how they develop, change, and interact. It should also include both words and images.

You may also add other symbols, drawings, and words that represent the reading as you wish.