SPRINGER Lower School & Middle School

Wilson and Literature Summer Packet

This packet is intended for students entering 6th to 8th grade

This packet includes summer Literature work covering vocabulary skills, fluency, and comprehension. We aim to promote a love for reading and maintain the skills learned during the school year. *The idea behind the summer work is to partner with your child and model key elements already taught to your child this past school year. Modeling the strategies and oral discussions about their reading will help retain concepts for your students when they return in the fall.*

1. Independent Learning Activities FOR VOCABULARY (attached)

What to work on:

• Understanding everyday vocabulary.

How:

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#2 Independent Learning Activities FOR FLUENCY (attached)

What to work on:

- High-frequency words: reading and spelling
 - Students will need their own set of Word Cards or index cards (Some students may have made high-frequency word decks during the school year, or they will need to make their own)
- Oral reading using stories, word lists, and phrases (attached)

How:

- 1. Practice reading your high-frequency words and Phrases on the attached sheets.
- 2. Use pre-scooped Wilson passages to practice oral reading for the summer. After you read the story, try one of the following activities:
 - a. "Once Again" Using a passage you've read, read the story again first silently, then aloud. Use a finger or the eraser end of a pencil to scoop the sentences into phrases as you read.

"Act it Out!" Using a passage you've read, read the story again—first silently, then aloud. Use a finger or the eraser end of a pencil to scoop the sentences into phrases as you read. Then, practice acting out the story—either alone or with a friend or family member. Once it's stage-ready, perform it in front of an audience!



b. "Record It!" – Using a passage you've already practiced, practice reading it out loud three times. Record each reading, then listen to the recordings. Did you improve each time it was read? Could you improve even more if you read it out loud a few more times?

3. Practice reading and spelling your High Frequency Word Cards then do an activity below:

check your spelling. Repeat this same procedure with several words.

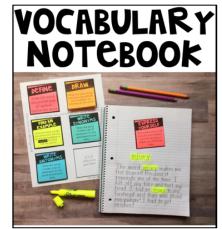
a. "Beat the Clock" – Set a timer for one minute. Then, take a stack of 30 high frequency word cards. Start the timer and read your words quickly and accurately. Can you read all 30 words before the timer goes off? If not, practice until you can. Then, do the same thing with 45 words.

 b. "Trace, Flip, and Spell"—Select a high-frequency word card. Read the word, then, using your finger, trace each letter while naming it. Say the word again. Next, flip the card over. Once again, form each letter with your finger, this time from memory, while you orally spell the word. Last, turn the card over and









c. "Put it in a Phrase" – Select a high-frequency word card. A phrase is a small group of words that work together in a sentence, but they don't form a complete sentence. For example, "both of us" or "from the child". It's not as easy as it looks! Select several high-frequency words to try this with, one at a time. Write your phrases down.

#3 Independent Learning Activities FOR COMPREHENSION (attached)

What to work on:

- 1. Comprehension comprehension strategies
 - a. Think-aloud (use reading stems included in this packet to further your thinking)
 - i. Use the reading comprehension process skills of summarizing, predicting, visualizing, and questioning, through think aloud prompts.
 - b. Read & Respond
 - i. Build and develop a working knowledge of language arts skills through a project (attached)

How:

- 1. Reading: Read books of interest from your assigned reading levels and keep a reading log. (attached)
- 2. Complete a Project Based response to 1 book you read this summer:
 - a. Project-based learning engages you in projects and allows you to construct your own knowledge while making authentic projects that answer questions about what you're learning about. Choose one project from the three listed in the comprehension section.

#1. Independent Learning Activities

FOR VOCABULARY

Middle School Vocabulary Notebook

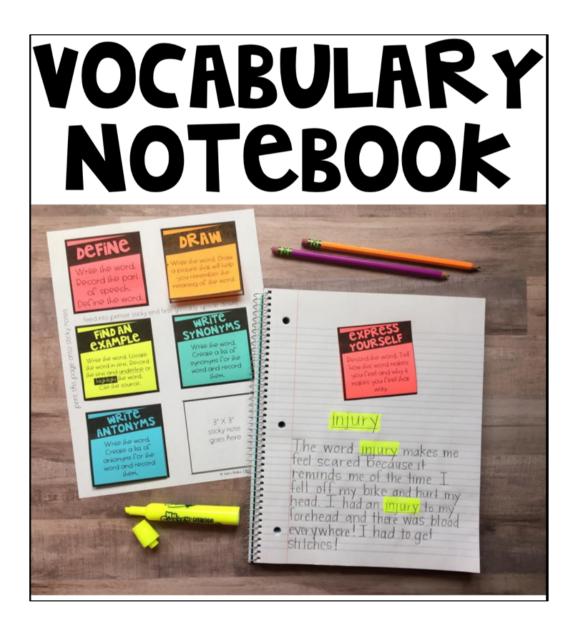
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9et your Shop on!

Write your word at the top of the page. Make a shopping list of items that you would purchase to go with your word.

#HASHTA9

Write your word. Draw 1-3 pictures that would use your word as a hashtag on social media.

CURATE A COLLECTION

Write the word. Crate a collection of words and/or pictures that you associate with the word.

FREE ASSOCIATION

Write the word in the middle of a word web. Off of each branch, write other words that come to mind when you think of the word.

TEXT.TO.SELF CONNECTION

Write the word. How do you connect with this word on a personal level? Write about it.

TEXT-TO-TEXT CONNECTION

Write the word. How do you connect this word with text or words that you've read? Write about it.

define

Write the word. Record the part of speech. Define the word.

DRAW

Write the word. Draw a picture that will help you remember the meaning of the word.



Write the word. Locate the word in text. Record the text and <u>underline</u> or <u>highlight</u> the word. Cite the source.

WRITE Synonyms

Write the word. Create a list of synonyms for the word and record them.



Write the word. Create a list of antonyms for the word and record them.



Record the word. Tell how this word makes you feel and why it makes you feel that way.

overheard

Write the word. Imagine a conversation between two or more people that would involve the word. Record the conversation and underline the word in the dialogue.



Write the word. Use your word in an alliteration. Underline it.



Write the word. Create a poem that uses the word. Underline the word. (It doesn't have to rhyme!)

MAKE A SIMILE

Write the word. Write a simile that uses your word. Underline the word.



Write the word. Write a metaphor that uses your word. Underline the word.



If you could experience the word with your 5 senses, how would it look, smell, taste, feel, and sound? Explain.



Write the word and cover it up with a sticky note. Write and/or draw clues that could help someone guess what your word is. Have a friend guess the word!

TEXT.TO.WORLD CONNECTION

Write the word. How do you connect this word to a real work occurrence?

#2. Independent Learning Activities

FOR FLUENCY

Wilson Reading System[®] High Frequency Words Sequence Steps 1-6

STEP 1					
Substep 1.3	the	and	was	is	I
	а			his	
Substep 1.4	to	do	of	you	shall
	into	does		your	
Substep 1.5	me	are	as	or	want
	he		has	for	
	she				
	we				
	be				
Substep 1.6	they	have	one	from	both

STEP 2					
Substep 2.1	her	were	how	could	asked
			now	would	
				should	
Substep 2.2	who	what	where	when	why
			here	which	by
			there		my
					try
Substep 2.3	some	come	any	been	put
		comes	anywhere		putting
		coming	anyone		
		become	anything		
		becomes	many		
		becoming			
Substep 2.4	out	their	front	said	only
	about				
Substep 2.5	too	no	very	each	work
	two	go	every		word
		SO	everywhere		world
		also	everyone		
			everything		

Wilson Reading System[®] High Frequency Words Sequence Steps 1-6

STEP 3					
Substep 3.1	full	push	month	first	number
	pull	pushed			
	pulled				
Substep 3.2	new	other	after	over	down
		another		under	
Substep 3.3	Mr.	know	walk	water	right
	Mrs.	knew	talk		write
Substep 3.4	day	say	always	people	our
	today	says			hour
	may				
	way				
	away				
Substep 3.5	through	friend	often	called	great
	throughout				

STEP 4					
Substep 4.1	use	move	taste	none	sure
	uses	moved	waste	done	
	using	remove	paste		
	used	removed			
Substep 4.2	never	cause	goes	took	food
	ever	because	going	look	
	however			good	
	whenever			book	
	wherever				
Substep 4.3	nothing	please	together	year	once
		pleases	altogether		
		pleased			
Substep 4.4	important	again	place	part	found
		against			sound
					around

Wilson Reading System[®] High Frequency Words Sequence Steps 1-6

STEP 5					
Substep 5.1	several	thought	three	before	different
		bought	four	below	
		brought	fourth	between	
		ought			
Substep 5.2	own	house	toward	heart	learn
	owner	houses			learned
	owned				
Substep 5.3	woman	beautiful	pretty	don't	person
	women				
Substep 5.4	father	mother	sister	daughter	son
		brother			won
					ton
Substep 5.5	family	soon	almost	early	since
	families				

STEP 6					
Substep 6.1	minute	answer	few	school	love
	minutes				above
Substep 6.2	earth	America	island	ocean	mountain
	Earth	American			
Substep 6.3	eight	lose	large	follow	laugh
	eighth	loses			laughter
		losing			
Substep 6.4	double	triple	though	during	ready
	trouble		although		already

Wilson Reading System® High Frequency Words Steps 7-12

STEP 7					
Substep 7.1	necessary	excellent	police	special	false
				especially	
Substep 7.2	guess	length	change	stranger	orange
	guest	strength	range	danger	
			arrange		
			strange		
Substep 7.3	knowledge	watch	physical	science	college
				scientist	
				scientific	
Substep 7.4	national	themselves	half	whom	question
		ourselves	whole	whose	suggestion
Substep 7.5	body	won't	usual	probably	either
	anybody		usually		neither
	everybody				
	nobody				
	somebody				

STEP 8					
Substep 8.1	cover	door	pour	mirror	hear
	discover	floor	tour		heard
	recover	poor			
Substep 8.2	superior	vary	vocabulary	area	garage
		varies			
		variety			
Substep 8.3	environment	experience	material	serious	period
	government				
Substep 8.4	iron	library	purpose	course	court
				source	
				resource	
				resources	
Substep 8.5	color	search	theory	guarantee	figure
		research	theories		

Wilson Reading System® High Frequency Words Steps 7-12

STEP 9					
Substep 9.1	roll poll toll	control	straight	certain curtain captain	chamber
Substep 9.2	money honey	company accompany	eye	beyond	hey grey obey prey survey
Substep 9.3	truth truly	issue tissue	shoe	tongue	broad abroad
Substep 9.4	actual actually	region	fashion	caught taught	fought sought
Substep 9.5	enough rough tough	young	touch	country couple cousin	thorough
Substep 9.6	prove improve approve approval	tomorrow	breathe	measure pleasure treasure	earn pearl
Substep 9.7	buy guy	Europe European	build built	guide	guilty

STEP 10

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Substep 10.1	promise promised	average	courage encourage	language	machine machinery
Substep 10.2	purchase	magazine	shoulder	disease	muscle
Substep 10.3	salt	parent	guard guardian	calm palm	yeah
Substep 10.4	listen	fasten fastened	dozen dozens	wonder wondering	spirit
Substep 10.5	expertise	hypotheses	analyses	experiment experimental	alter alternative
Substep 10.6	among amongst	automobile	graduate	route routine	gasoline

Fluency Practice for Middle School

High-Frequency Word List practice

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<u>List 1</u>

done	both	because	said	shall
pretty	down	goes	done	both
talk	walk	called	talk	before
friend	goes	pretty	full	walk

<u>List 2</u>

some	house	only	move	come
right	both	place	together	please
write	were	been	house	together
move	only	right	none	place

<u>List 2</u>

family	large	eight	change	could
carry	eight	every	city	night
something	where	night	large	something
change	carry	city	family	every

<u>List 3</u>

world	something	answer	often
one	carry	different	does
answer	word	world	right
place	different	family	night
	one	one carry answer word	one carry different answer word world

<u>List 4</u>

city	answer	every	picture	mother
learn	brother	earth	move	none
write	different	father	brother	another
picture	mother	learn	father	earth

<u>List 5</u>

thought	great	school	country	says
city	many	America	any	away
school	very	thought	great	learn
country	other	family	away	America

Phrases 1

on his post	with the host	talk with him	the pretty trim	when she sold
for a scrap	for which child	find the shop	on the colt	all goes cold
on the branch	walk the hall	on the post	on my mind	with the class
both of us	with a shrug	bolt the lock	in that mold	was all done

Phrases 2

use the camper	ringing it again	to the cliff	in their lunches	checked the test
is the longest	with a golfer	bumped his leg	on his glasses	sure was smaller
the softest animal	chilled the glass	stand up please	not much thicker	tallest in class
is the fastest	used her dresses	leg swelled up	stuffed the bag	boxes of dishes

Phrases 3

know his kindness	against the wall	once a mascot	handful of nutmeg	in the cabins
know his dentist	for this slingshot	knew the limit	with a blindfold	fold the napkin
finish and polish	often will disrupt	always is upset	at the clinic	miss the exit
from the goblins	on the hopscotch	in that index	mimic the men	finish the test

Phrases 4

on his program	carry the gravy	had a banjo	change the baby	when she began
reminded the family	to the motel	relax at night	safety at home	the large pantry
rewind every tape	up the ivy	something is silly	a rose and tulip	protect his family
trolly through city	bravely did try	by the hotel	a cozy lobby	a funny gift

<u>Phrases 5</u>

the lake house	win the game	had a cane	on that pole	place the globe
only one kite	at my home	on this napkin	is quite lost	move the file
miss the sale	at the blaze	will pose together	for a smile	sun will rise
is a reptile	right on time	doze in class	from the plane	with that cube

<u>Phrases 6</u>

had a robin	contest against them	the British man	not until then	by her kindness
got the catfish	will often panic	insisted he knew	always at sunset	become a habit
punish for disrupting	missed the call	know was frantic	become a pumpkin	handful of snacks
relish and ketchup	once was splashed	finish the drink	with that shipment	mimic a chipmunk
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Skip sat up in bed. He had to get up. He had a big quiz in math, and he did not want to miss the bus. He had not slept well. He felt sick, and his skin was hot. He left his quilt on the bed and went to get his mom. Mom had a shock when Skip came in. He had a red rash on his neck. "Back to bed, Skip," said Mom. Skip went back and got in bed. Mom came in to check his temp. He was hot!

"You will just have to miss the quiz." Skip slept the rest of the day. Skip had to rest all day. He slept a long time. Mom kept him in bed. She had him drink lots of water. He did not get up to play. The next day, Skip felt the best he had felt in a long time. It was a day off, too! He was glad that there was no class. He had a plan to fill his day with fun.

He went out to get on the swing. When he sat on the swing he felt a sting on his leg. He let out a yell! He swung at the bug and fell off the swing. Now, there was a bump on his chin and his leg began to swell. He did not get up fast. He swept the dust off his legs. The bump on his chin felt big and his leg stung. He had to limp back in. "Mom, I think I need help," he said. "That is a bad cut, Skip. I will get the stuff to put on it. Did you fall?" asked Mom.

"Yes, I fell," said Skip, "but I also got stung by a bug! I think I should get back in bed. I am not having much luck!"

Story 2 The Lost Colt

Beth had wanted a pet for a long time. When her mom and dad asked her what she wanted for a gift, she said, "A pet! The kind I want most is a small colt, but if I cannot have a colt, I want a dog or cat."

Mom and Dad wanted to get a colt for their child, but they did not know where to find one. They also did not have a stall. A colt could not be kept in the den! Then, a man at Dad's job told them he had one to sell. It could stay in his stall if Beth fed it each day. It was not at all wild and would be a fun pet for a child.

The man sold Mom and Dad the colt. The plan was to put it in the backyard and then bring it to the stall at the end of the day. Mom had a thick string on the colt so that it would not bolt off and get lost. When Beth got up, Mom and Dad put a blindfold on her and led her to the yard. When they got to the back, they took the blindfold off and said, "Here is your gift, Beth!" But, there was no colt - just a string! "Where is the colt? We must find it!" said Mom and Dad. The colt was lost.

Story 3 Wish Come True

Mom and Dad were shocked that the colt was not where they had left him. They checked the yard and the shed. They even called the man who had sold them the colt to see if it had gone there. The man went out and checked the stalls, but the colt was not in there.

Beth called the cops to tell them that the colt was missing. The cops felt that it was one of the oddest calls they got. They told Beth that no one had seen a small colt. Beth begged them to find the colt. The cops said they would do their best.

Beth felt sad. She had wished for a colt. Most wishes do not come true, but this one had. It is sad to have a wish come true and then bolt!

She had a pet colt but had not even met it yet. Beth hung her chin and began to sob. Then she felt something cold and wet on her neck. She sat up and there was her colt! She hugged him and he licked her hands. "Mom and Dad," she yelled, "My colt has come back!" Hopscotch is lots of fun. It was invented a long, long time ago. It was not a fun game at that time. It was used to make the men in the British army stronger. There were lots of boxes in the old hopscotches. The hopscotch could be hundreds of feet long. The men had to hop in all the boxes with their splendid armor on. The strongest and fastest men finished first. The men who did not finish got upset. They knew they would be punished.

The British children wanted to mimic the men in the army. They made their own hopscotches.

Theirs were not as long as the ones the men used. They tossed small rocks onto the boxes and hopped to the end. When the children played, it was all for fun. Even now, there are children who think hopscotch is a blast! On a hot day in June it is fun to go to a baseball game. Many kids in Boston like the Red Sox. Lots of people go to the games. They yell when someone on the home team smacks a home run or strikes out the side. They eat hot dogs and popcorn and drink lots of tonic. The fans like it best when the home team wins the game, but sometimes that does not happen.

When the Red Sox are not winning many games, some people like to tell an old tale about Babe Ruth. Babe Ruth used to play baseball for the Red Sox from 1914-1919. He was one of the greatest hitters of all time. He once hit the ball more than six-hundred feet. He hit 714 homeruns in his lifetime. He was also a great pitcher. He could strike out lots of batters. All the fans loved the Babe, but the children loved him most of all. He would visit children who were not well. Babe knew how to make kids smile.

Babe went to play for the Yankees in 1920. The Red Sox did not trade him. They sold him for lots of cash. The fans were quite mad and many kids were very sad. Some fans said that selling Babe would bring the Red Sox bad luck. When the Red Sox do not win, some people think the tale is true even today.

#3. Independent Learning Project Based Activities FOR COMPREHENSION

#3 Middle school Independent Project-based Learning Activities FOR COMPREHENSION

Thinking aloud prompts: Questions you can ask yourself while you are reading:

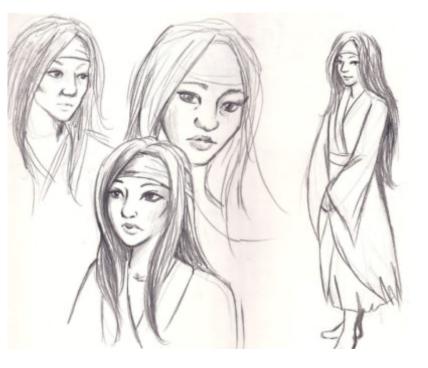
- I'm thinking...
- I'm noticing...
- I'm wondering...
- I'm seeing...
- I'm feeling...
- That reminded me of...
- I'm remembering...
- I have a connection to...
- I have schema for...
- I can relate to...
- My guess is...
- Maybe...
- Perhaps...
- If could be that...
- This could mean...
- I predict...
- Linfer...
- I wonder...
- Why...
- I don't understand...
- It confused me...
- How could...
- What if...
- What's important here...
- What matters to me...
- One thing that we should notice...
- I want to remember...
- It's interesting that...
- I'm picturing...
- I can feel...
 - smell... taste... touch... hear....
- My mental images include...
- My most vivid mental image is... Now I understand why...
- I'm changing my mind about...
- I used to think_____ but now I think...
- My new thinking is...
- I'm beginning to think...



Project Choice #1 Character Artwork

Your task is to create a puppet, sculpture, digital graphic, or painting of one of the main characters in the story. Complete a character trait graphic organizer about the character and write a paragraph about what you believe the character might do at the <u>turning</u> <u>point</u> in the book.

- Identify the book you read for the project.
- 2. Compete the character graphic organizer attached.



- 3. Decide if you want to create a puppet, a sculpture or a painting about the character of your choice. Your artwork should be homemade and created by you. Do not use store bought toys/puppets, and do not copy your character's likeness from the book cover or from another artist's rendition of the character.
- 4. Create your artwork about the main character in your story or, for informational text, for the main person discussed in the text. Have your character/person hold something in their hand that represents them. Make sure that the artwork helps the viewer learn something about the characteristics of the character or person you are depicting.
- 5. Write a paragraph about an important scene in the book which should explain what you think your character/person might say if given a chance at the <u>turning point</u> in the story. Make sure that the speech is written in first person (as if you were the character or person talking).
- 6. Bring your final project by the first day of school.

Character Trait Graphic Organizer

What character traits do you notice about the character or person you depict in your project? Does the character/person display grit? Optimism? Curiosity? Zest? Self Control? Empathy? Or does this person/character display negative traits?

Character Trait	Explanation
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POSITIVE Character Traits

A character trait is a way to describe someone. It is their personality. These change slowly or may stay the same throughout a story.

Active Admirable **Adventurous** Affectionate Agreeable Ambitious Appreciative Athletic Attentive Brave Brilliant Calm Capable Careful Charismatic Charming Cheerful Clever Compassionate Confident Conscientious Considerate Cooperative Courageous Courteous Creative Curious Daring Dedicated Dependable Disciplined Easygoing Educated Efficient Energetic Enthusiastic

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Fair Faithful Fearless Flexible Focused Forgiving Friendly **Fun-loving** Funny Generous Gentle Glamorous Gracious Hardworking Helpful Honest Honorable Hopeful Humble Humorous Imaginative Independent Intelligent Kind Knowledgable Logical Loving Loyal Lucky Mannered Mature Modest Observant Optimistic Organized Passionate

Patient Peaceful Perseverant Persistent Pleasant Polite Popular Relaxed Reliable Respectful Responsible Self-reliant Sensitive Sincere Skillful Smart Sociable Strong Studious Sweet Tactful Talented Tasteful Tenacious Thoughtful Tolerant Trusting Trustworthy Understanding Useful Valiant Versatile Warm-hearted Wise Witty

Elementary Essentials

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NEUTRAL Character Traits

These traits are not necessarily positive or negative. Often they may depend on the context.

Bold Clumsy Competitive Determined Fidgety Fierce Inactive Insistent Meticulous

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Mysterious Obedient Precise Protective Proud Quick Quiet Rambunctious Restless

Sassy Secretive Serious Shy Silly Sly Spontaneous Stingy

Sarcastic

Strange Talkative Thrifty Timid Tough Unpredictable •

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NEGATIVE Character Traits

Aggressive Argumentative Arrogant Babyish Bossy Bratty Careless Childish Cold-hearted Conceited Cowardly Critical Cross Cruel Dangerous Deceitful Dishonest Disloyal

Disrespectful

Distractible Evil Foolish Forgetful Greedy Grouchy Guilty Gullible Hateful Hopeless Ignorant Immature Impatient Impolite Impulsive Inconsiderate Insensitive Insincere Insulting

Intolerant Irrational Irresponsible Lazy Mean Moody Noisy Nosy **Obnoxious** Paranoid Pessimistic Picky Rowdy Rude Selfish Sneaky Snobbish Strict Stubborn

Superficial Thoughtless Touchy Uncaring Uncontrolled Uncooperative Unfriendly Unreliable Unselfish Violent Vulgar Weak Weird

Elementary Essentials

Project Choice #2: Double-Entry Journal

Your task is to use a notebook, composition book, folder, or Microsoft Word to record your thoughts about and understanding of your summer reading book.



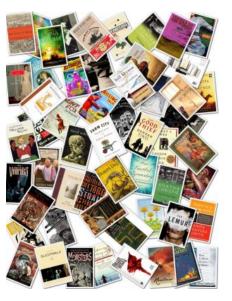
- 1. Put your full name and Title of the book on your Project.
- 2. Divide several pages of your notebook by drawing vertical lines down the center of your notebook.
- Count the number of chapters in your chapter book and decide how many entries you will make in your journal. (Challenge yourself to complete at least 5-8 entries. If there are more than eight chapters- think about how you would chunk your chapters into 5-8 entries).
- 4. Always show the page number on your entry.
- 5. On the left side of the entry, copy down a short quote from the text you are reading.
- On the right side of the entry, write a personal response about why you found the quote interesting or confusing. Explain your thinking.
- Each personal response should be at least three sentences to ensure you have thoroughly explained your thinking.

Quote From Text My Thoughts
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P.12 2. As his dod wilked out into the half- hay that Manday offerrain dark tell like a gight letter care while others thus had been branded on because they re r his foreheat L, for his triends.
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Project Choice #3 Photo Collage

Your task is to create a small collage to represent the novel that you chose to read over the summer. This project can be completed as a collage poster OR some type of online photo collage maker.

- 1. Put your full name In the bottom left-hand corner.
- 2. Put the book title in the center of your project.
- 3. Compile at least 15 images that show key elements from your story. You can include pictures you cut from magazines, print from the Internet, or draw yourself.
- 4. Try to include very little whitespace on your poster. Use larger images if you can.



Some ideas for identifying key elements of the story:

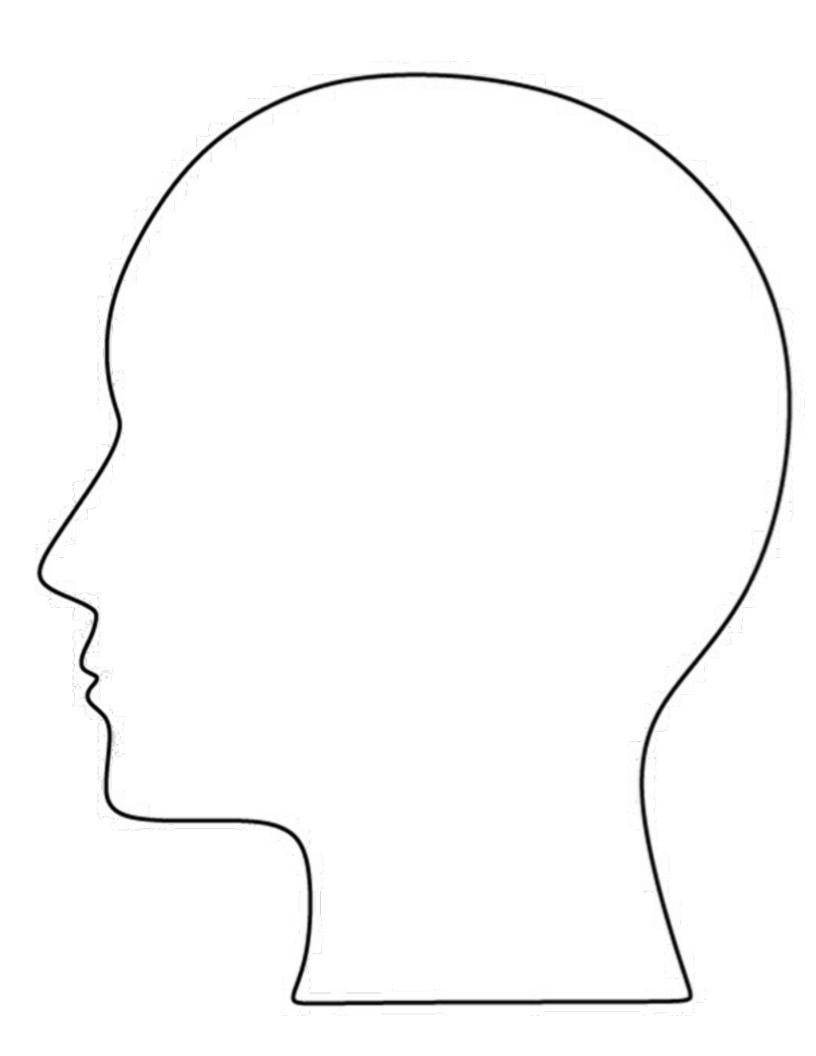
- Words from the book that you didn't know or found interesting complete with definition and a page number where you found the word.
- Pictures of what you envision the characters to look like.
- A visual representation of the lesson the author is trying to teach you. What lesson does the author want you to take away from reading his/her book?
- Images that you visualized the setting to look like.

Project Choice #4 Character Head Characterization

When reading through your novel, it's helpful to use reflective thinking. Choose a character to focus on throughout the story and think about quotes and adjectives that describe them. Reflect on the turning point in the story and how it involved the character. Once you've completed the novel, you can create a character head that describes various elements of the character you've gathered throughout the story. Use the checklist below to create your character head:



- □ Include one character quote from the story.
- □ Include two images relevant to the character.
- □ Include three adjectives to describe the character.
- □ Include the character's nickname in the story or one you create.
- □ Briefly describe a turn point event involving the character.
- \Box Include the title of the novel or story, author, and genre.
 - The head is securely glued to a reinforced backing (construction paper or cardstock).
 - □ I used an attractive color scheme with little white and no white space.
 - □ All text is legible, dark, and attractive.
 - □ The head and backing are cut and trimmed neatly.
 - □ My work is Error-free in grammar, mechanics, and spelling.
 - □ My name is on the back of the final product.
 - I paid attention to detail, high-quality work, and unfolded without creases and crumples.



Middle School Reading Log

Springer students are encouraged to read more than one book this summer. Once you have finished your first selection, work on your project for that book and then keep going! Keep track of the books you read, get a parent or guardian signature to show you have read the books, and return this log to your literature teacher on the first day of school.

So... keep on reading!

Date	Book Title	Book Length (# of pages)	Parent Signature