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Summer Reading Assignment

1. Title: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Author: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the author's purpose for writing the book?

4. What is the tone of the speaker?

5. From what point of view is the story written?

6. What is the setting (time *and* place)?

7. Who is the protagonist?

8. Who is the antagonist?

9. Characterization: briefly describe two or three of the main characters.

10. Plot: What are the main events and incidents that help establish the plot?

11. What is the conflict in the story?

12. What is the resolution, or how is the conflict resolved?

13. Describe an event from the story that demonstrates cause and effect.

14. Theme: What point or idea is the author trying to get across?

## Summer Reading Definitions

**Setting** – Time and place of the action; creates a feeling, mood, or atmosphere

**Author's Purpose** – The reason the author wrote the story or the text

**Point of View** – The perspective from which a story or event is told (1<sup>st</sup> person or 3<sup>rd</sup> person)

**Protagonist** – The main character in a literary work

**Antagonist** – A character or force in conflict with a main character, or protagonist

**Plot** – Sequence of events or action in a literary work

**Conflict** – A struggle between opposing forces; causes the action (external conflict – outside source; internal conflict – within the mind of the character)

**Resolution** – Falling action or end of the central conflict; follows the climax of the story

**Tone** – The attitude of the author or speaker toward the subject of the passage

**Characterization** – Analysis (or description) of people or animals that take part in the action of a literary work

**Cause/Effect** – A relationship between events and circumstances that bring about a result

**Theme** – A central message or insight into life