2022 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT
8th grade

Welcome to 8th grade summer reading!

This summer you will choose **one book** from the **assigned reading list. You will read, annotate**, and **respond to questions**.

On the first day of class bring the <u>book</u> **AND the** <u>answers to the questions</u>.

Instructions:

1. Choose **a book from the Assigned Reading List.**

2. While reading, **novel code/annotate the entire book**.
   The *Novel Code* sheet is on *page 4* of this document.

3. After reading, **answer questions.**
   There are *5 groups of questions.*
   - ❏ **Choose 1 question from each of the 5 groups.**
     Questions are on *pages 2 and 3* of this document.
   - ❏ Answer each question in a thoughtful and **well-developed paragraph** of at least **5 sentences**.
   - ❏ Each answer/paragraph should contain **textual evidence** (specific examples from your book) to support your ideas.

On the First Day of School
1. Bring your annotated book to class with your name written inside.
2. Bring your 5 completed paragraph answers.

Reminders:
- Type your paragraphs using Times New Roman, 12 point font and double-space the responses.
- Type the question you are answering at the top of the page.
- Paragraphs are indented.
- Names are capitalized as are the first and main words in a title.
- Titles are italicized.

If you have any questions, contact Lisa Byrnes at lbyrnes@shelton.org.

Group 1-5 Questions

Group 1
Choose ONE of the following questions:
- Describe the setting in your book. How important is it to the story?
- I would/would not like to live during this time period because…
- I would/would not like to live in this place because…
- Introduce the exposition: setting (time and place), characters, and intro to plot and conflict

Group 2
Choose ONE of the following questions:
- Describe the main character in your book. Be sure to give examples.
- Who is the protagonist in your story and what type of conflict does your protagonist face?
- What is the main conflict in your book? How was this conflict resolved?
- What conflict was resolved in a way you don't agree with? Was it not realistic? Explain. How would you resolve that conflict?

Group 3
Choose ONE of the following questions:
- Is your character a static or dynamic character? Explain why he/she is a static or dynamic character by providing examples from the novel. (A static character stays the same from the beginning of the book to the end. A dynamic character changes over the course of the book).
- Describe the main character in your novel (excluding appearance). What are his/her faults? What are his/her strengths?
- What circumstances in your character's life causes them to act as they do?
- The character that interests me most is…because… OR I would be a friend or foe of which character? Why?

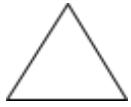**Group 4**

Choose ONE of the following questions:
- Choose a conflict in the book and explain how you would solve it in real life.
- What was surprising or shocking in this book? Be specific. Give examples and the reason why you were surprised or shocked.
- Was there a word, phrase, situation, object, or idea repeated in your novel? What was it and why did the author keep bringing it up?
- What lesson about life did you learn from the book? State the lesson and explain the meaning using examples from the book.

Group 5

Choose ONE of the following questions:
- Why do you think the author chose the title for the book? Support your answer.
- Explain a situation that occurred in your novel that has happened in our world today. Describe each situation in detail.
- If you were to change one event in the novel, which event would you change and why? Be specific and give examples.
- Think of one quote that you really liked from the novel. Write that quote. Explain the significance of the quote.

Novel Code

△   new character

═   description

⬭   vocabulary word

☆   important event

▭   setting

✚   author technique

- simile
- hook
- cliffhanger
- symbolism
- flashback
- metaphor
- personification
- hyperbole

- alliteration
- onomatopoeia
- humor
- oxymoron
- satire
- dialogue

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Summer Book Report
8th Grade Grading Rubric

Title of Book: _____

Novel Code/Annotations:

_____ 20 points

Section 1 Question:

_____ 16 points

Section 2 Question:

_____ 16 points

Section 3 Question:

_____ 16 points

Section 4 Question:

_____ 16 points

Section 5 Question:

_____ 16 points

Total: _____
(100 points)