



RCPS Summer Reading Option 1 Assignment Guidelines

Please write an essay that includes the following:

- **First Paragraph-Summary/Critique**

Write or type a well-developed summary (approximately 300 words) of the book, emphasizing the plot or key details. Be sure to include the genre (i.e., biography, mystery, information, etc.), title of the book, and the author. As you start to write, remember to grab the reader's attention by creating a sense of humor, wonder, mystery, curiosity, etc. These feelings cause the reader to want to know what happens next.

- **Second Paragraph-Theme/Central Idea**

Identify the theme (general lesson about life in a fictional text) or central idea (main idea that the author wants to convey about the topic of a non-fiction text) of the book you read. Choose three (3) quotes that support the theme or central idea. For each quote, write a well-developed paragraph that explains how the quote relates to the theme or central idea. Consider choosing one quote each from the beginning, middle, and end of the book to ensure you identify an appropriate and logical theme or central idea.

- **Third Paragraph-Recommendation**

Persuade or dissuade someone to read your book. Using specific details, explain why you did or did not enjoy reading this book. In addition, be sure to include details that explain the type of reader for whom the book was written, i.e. athletes, nature-lovers, mystery-readers, risk-takers, etc. *Although you may not have liked your book, the author must have had someone in mind when writing it.*

Directions: Students must complete the required three parts of the assignment. Students will receive a score for each part of the assignment submitted (see rubric). A score of zero will be given for any part of the assignment not submitted. Please see rubric on the next page for specific requirements and scoring procedures.

Deadline: The summer reading assignment is due to your English Language Arts teacher August 11, 2017. *All students who enroll in Rockdale County Public Schools prior to August 7 are required to complete the summer reading assignments.*