

Dear Students and Parents,

We hope you will enjoy your summer break with your friends and family. We also hope you will spend some time reading every day. In an effort to help you read more often and to create the habit of reading for pleasure, we have developed a summer reading requirement for incoming fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders.

We ask that you read a minimum of two books this summer. All books should be of an appropriately challenging reading level for you. Do not read a book that you have previously read.

Reading teachers will take grades for summer reading. Please print and fully complete the attached **ELEMENTS OF PLOT DIAGRAM** for each of your 2 novels.

We ask that this page be signed by a parent, stapled to the diagrams and turned in during our first week of school.

Happy Reading!

Student's Name _____

Title 1 (attach completed plot diagram) _____

Title 2 (attach completed plot diagram) _____

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Name: _____

Elements of Plot

Title of Story

CLIMAX

The tipping point of the story

Event

Event

Point of View

Who is telling the story

Event

Event

Event

RISING ACTION
Events that increase the problem in the story.

FALLING ACTION
The events that help solve the conflict.

CONFLICT

The main problem that the characters face

RESOLUTION

How the conflict is resolved

EXPOSITION

Characters and Setting

Theme

The message or lesson