

Summer Reading Assignment
2013-2014
FICTION

All students are required to read a total of two novels and write one **ESSAY on EACH**. The assignments will be due the **FIRST WEEK** of school and submitted to their English teacher.

If you may have any questions or concerns, please e-mail Mrs. Valle at mrsvalle@dadeschools.net.

Use the following paragraph guides to complete your fiction ESSAY(S):

1. The title and the author of the book should appear as a heading at the top of the page.
2. The first sentence should include the title of the book, the author's name, and the central idea.
3. Interest your readers by including a striking statement or a quotation from the book or one of the characters.

Paragraph 1

Introduction/general information about the book, include "Title", Author, type of book (fantasy, humor, mystery, non-fiction, etc.)

Paragraph 2

Main Character

Describe the character. Answer these 3 questions:

1. The main character changes from ____ to ____ by the end of the story.
2. The main character does the right thing when...
3. I can identify with the character when...or I couldn't identify with the character because ...

Paragraph 3

Other Characters

List 2 other characters and include similar details.

Paragraph 4

Setting

Describe the time and place of the story. Include comments about the setting - examples: setting enhances the novel because it highlights character's feelings, makes story exciting, setting has an important effect on the main character, setting increased my knowledge about something.

Paragraph 5

Theme

What is the author trying to say in this story? What is his or her lesson in life? Is there a moral to this story? This is a story about ____ (examples: courage, working hard, doing the right thing, greed, love, sadness, etc.). What did you learn from this book? State a problem in the story and how it was solved.

Paragraph 6

Plot: The Action/Summary of what happened in the story.

List up to six events that happened in the story, keep them in order.

Paragraph 7

Evaluation of the Book

Answer these questions:

1. How did the book enhance/expand your knowledge?
2. What did you like and not like about the book?
3. Was the story confusing or hard to believe?
4. Was it predictable? Realistic?
5. The ending was _____.

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NON-FICTION

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Use the following paragraph guides to complete your non-fiction ESSAY(S):

1. The title and the author of the book should appear as a heading at the top of the page.
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3. Interest your readers by including a striking statement or a quotation from the book or one of the characters.

Paragraph 1

List five facts that you learned from this book

Paragraph 2

Describe at least three strengths of the book overall (reasons why you liked it) and three areas for change (things you didn't like)

Paragraph 3

How is the title related to the content of the book?

Paragraph 4

Does the book seem to be completely factual, or do you suspect that some fiction (not real) material has been included? Explain.

Paragraph 5

Discuss the importance of the subject treated in the book and provide a summary of the author's presentation of the subject

Paragraph 6

Discuss how the book influences your thinking or your goals in life, and use examples from the book to support your statements.

Paragraph 7

Evaluation of the Book

Answer these questions:

1. What did you think of the book?
2. Was the story confusing or hard to believe?
3. Was it predictable?
4. The ending was _____.