

## **Rising 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading**

Students will read two (2) books and complete a project for one book and a report for the second. **The first book is the reader's choice.** The only requirement is that it be on their reading level. **The second book must come from the list below.**

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Island of the Blue Dolphin by Scott O'Dell

The Black Arrow Robert Louis Stevenson

Caddie Woodlawn Carol Ryrie Brink

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Fellowship of the Ring J.R.R. Tolkien

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Out of the Silent Planet by C. S. Lewis

White Fang by Jack London

The Hound of Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

**Book One-** complete Book Report (see attached form)

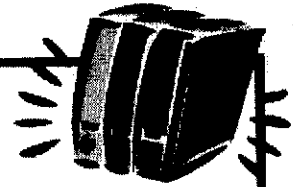
**Book Two-** complete Project (see attached sheet and choose one)

# **CHOOSE ONE PROJECT TO COMPLETE FOR BOOK #1!**

- ❖ **Diary**- Write a two week diary as if you were the main character of the book. In your daily entries include at least one illustration as well as your feelings about what is happening to you (as the main character). You will also include in your writing, the required information listed above. You may use the cover of your diary for an illustration, or you may decorate it as if it were a real diary.
- ❖ **Newspaper**- Pretend you are a reporter for a newspaper. Create a newspaper at least one page in length. You will include in your “news” an article written as if you were a critic reviewing the book-include your opinion, likes and dislikes. In the rest of the paper, include your required story elements. The design should look like a newspaper.
- ❖ **Comic Book**- Create a comic book based on your book. Each page should be set up in a comic book format with illustrations and captions. Your comic book should retell the main ideas of the story including all required information.
- ❖ **Five Artifacts**- Find five things from the book that are important to the story. Create an artifact for each of those things. The artifacts should help you retell the main idea(s) of the story. For example, in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, you could create a gold foil-wrapped candy bar, or a puppet of an *Oompa Loompa*. You must also include at least a one page report with the required story elements.
- ❖ **Television Reporter/Video**- Create a video where you are a television reporter. You will be reporting the main story elements as if they were appearing on the local news as a real event. You must report on all of the required story elements. You must create a script with the story elements to follow. Dress up to look like a reporter.
- ❖ **Shrunk Book**- Create a new book. For each chapter you will write 3-4 sentences to describe the main idea. Include an illustration for each chapter. Be sure to blend all required story elements into your “shrunk” version of the book.
- ❖ **Children’s Book**- Turn your chapter book into an illustrated children’s book appropriate for a 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grader. Create a cover, and illustrated pages with sentences to retell the main idea of the story. You may use the inside cover or back cover to include any other required story elements.
- ❖ **Board Game**- Create a board game all about your book. Design a game and all of the pieces needed so that your board game can be played. Include all story elements within the game. Illustrate your game board with characters or scenes from your story. If you are unable to include all required elements within your game, you may use the back of the game board or a separate piece of paper.
- ❖ **Magazine**- Create a full color magazine dedicated to your book. Include all required story elements in your articles, advertisements, etc.

# BOOK REPORT FORMAT FOR BOOK #2

## MY BOOK REPORT



Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Characters: \_\_\_\_\_ Story Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Story Summary: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Events: \_\_\_\_\_

Story Conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_

Write 1 fact and 1 opinion about this story: \_\_\_\_\_

