

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class period: _____

8th Grade Summer Reading:

Directions: Complete the items below. If you prefer typing your responses, feel free to use a word-processing program to do so.

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

1. What surprised you as you read this book? (2 pts.)

2. What did the author assume you already knew or understood? How did you go about addressing your question or clarifying information so you could understand the book better? (2 pts.)

3. How did this book confirm or change your thinking about the person, topic, or issue presented in its pages? (2 pts.)

4. How would you summarize this book? Complete the chart below as pre-work to crafting your summary. (6 pts.)

Who/what is the book about?	
What is important about the "who/what" from above?	
When did this (the what) happen?	
Where did this happen?	
Why is this important?	
How did this happen?	

5. Now write a summary of five to eight sentences, taking the ideas from the chart above and crafting them into a paragraph giving a reader a snapshot of the book. (5 pts.)

6. Now make three connections to the text and explain each. One of each of the following: text-to-text (connect your book to another book), text-to-self (can you relate to an event or character in the book?), and text-to-world (connect your book to something going on in the world). (6pts.)

7. What did you think of the book overall? Did it keep you interested? Did you like the characters? Were you happy with the ending? Write a well-developed paragraph explaining your answers (5-8 sentences). (5 pts.)

8. Citation: Cite the information about the book in correct bibliographic form. Please use correct punctuation. (2 pts.)

Author's last name, First name. Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication.
