

Optional Summer Reading Response

Part A.

Directions: Complete this form to organize your thoughts about the book you read this summer. Your answers must be legibly written or word-processed and in complete sentences.

1. What is the title of the book? _____

2. Who is the author? _____

3. What is the primary setting¹ of the book? _____

4. Describe any additional settings, if applicable. _____

5. Describe the main character(s)². Include their names, and identify a characteristic of their behavior that makes them interesting. _____



¹ setting: the time and place of the events in a story

² main characters: the protagonist(s) and antagonist(s); it is not necessary to discuss minor characters

6. Describe the primary conflict(s)³. _____

7. Discuss a message or theme⁴ from the book. Include examples from the book as support.

8. Explain why you would or would not recommend this book to others. _____

³ primary conflicts: the problem(s) or struggle(s) between or among opposing forces that trigger(s) the action in literature
(e.g., person vs. person, person vs. self, person vs. nature, person vs. society)

⁴ theme: the underlying idea or statement that the author is trying to convey

Part B.

Directions: Consult your English teacher, who may have further instructions for you.