

## H.E. McCracken Middle School Summer Assignment

Directions: Each student must create a book report using the format provided

### **Middle School Book Report Format**

Paragraph Order: 1. Introduction 2. Setting and characters—this part may need to be broken into separate paragraphs depending on the length of character description. 3. Plot 4. Plot Resolution 5. Conclusion

Paragraph Description: 1. The introduction contains the main idea of the book. It also includes book title and author.

2. The setting describes the time period and location. The characters' names and describes the major characters but may also mention minor groups of characters.

3. The plot explains what the major character(s) attempt to do. Some examples are: to discover; to overcome; to adapt; to learn; to find; to become; to mature; to solve; to conquer. Tell the difficulties encounter. There is often more than one problem. Sometimes one problem leads to another.

4. The plot resolution tells how the final problems are solved. How does everything work out? What is the final attitude of the main character(s)?

5. The conclusion provides an evaluation of the book. What was the author's purpose? Does the book teach a lesson or a moral? Are the characters role models? Is it recommended? To whom? Why or why not?

**\*\*Paragraphs should not be labeled or numbered; they should flow together smoothly. Each paragraph should be at least five sentences in length. Avoid using first person (I, me, my) until the conclusion. Also avoid using second person (you) and contractions. Your book report will probably be around a page and a half to two pages long.\*\***

Some examples and ideas to get your paragraphs started.

(1) Introduction: Name the book title and author. Present the main idea: why the book is unique/different? Although there have been similar books, this book is unique because who? does what? and where? Make sure to include a Topic Sentence to begin each paragraph Example: What would it be like to be thrust into a new land by a tornado? Such an adventure happens to Dorothy in the book, *The Wizard of Oz*, by Frank Baum. In this book, Dorothy helps the Tin Man, Scarecrow, and Lion find the qualities they seek while they all travel in the land of Oz. Along the way Dorothy encounters some fun and frightening situations. Most of all, she learns some valuable lessons.

(2) Setting: One reason this book is appealing is because of its setting. (Then describe setting)  
Characters: Another reason this book is different is because of its characters OR is that its characters are all \_\_\_\_\_ (give description). List and describe main characters. You may also list minor characters (details about these are not needed).

(3) Plot: In addition to the setting and characters, the plot adds (or the problems add) to the distinctiveness of the book. \*\*in the next few sentences, describe the situations encountered by the characters.

(4) Plot resolution: The way in which the problems(s) are solved is totally unexpected... (explain what happens and how the conflicts are resolved).

(5) Conclusion: This book is appealing OR recommended (or not recommended) because \_\_\_\_\_ (describe why). Because of \_\_\_\_\_ (describe and explain) the book would be best for \_\_\_\_\_ (age group and/or gender). The main character (or any role model character) is a role model because \_\_\_\_\_ (explain why).