

B. Garza Middle School
Summer 2018 6th Grade Reading Lists

Instructions:

Students are required to choose at least 1 of the books from the list provided for their completion of the summer reading assignment.

ADVANCED	LEXILE	ON LEVEL	LEXILE
I Am Malala By: Malala Yousafzai & Christina Lamb	1000	Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading By: Tommy Greenwald	830
The Circuit By: Francisco Jimenez	880	Schooled By: Gordon Korman	740
Wonder By: Raquel J. Palacio	790	Christina's Ghost By: Betty Ren Wright	620
		Timmy Failure By: Stephan Pastis	520

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Summer 2018-19 Reading Assignment

6th Grade

All students are required to read 1 book/short story from the Summer Reading list provided and complete the assignments that follow. **ALL assignments are due the first day of school.**

PURPOSE:

- Improve students' reading and writing ability
- Develop curiosity about the world through novels
- Create artists and scholars that are citizens of the world

Student's Name: _____

Title and Author of Book/Short Story: _____

ELEMENTS OF PLOT

Characters are the people or animals who take part in a story's action. Characters are directed by **motivation**—the reason or reasons that explain why characters act as they do.

Characterization is the way a writer reveals a character's personality and qualities.

Theme is the central message expressed in the story. A universal theme, or a recurring theme, is a message about life that is expressed in different cultures and time periods. Some common universal themes are:

*Hard work always pays off in the end.

*Youth can often see what adults cannot.

Plot is the sequence of events in a short story. It is usually divided into five parts:

Exposition introduces the setting—the time and place of the story, the characters, and the basic situation. The setting is an important element of fiction. It often influences plot development.

Rising action introduces the conflict, or problem.

Climax is the turning point of a story (or the most exciting part).

Falling action is the part of the story when the conflict lessens.

Resolution is the story's conclusion.

Text Connections:

Text-to-Self:



Draw any important Symbol:

Explain what it represents:

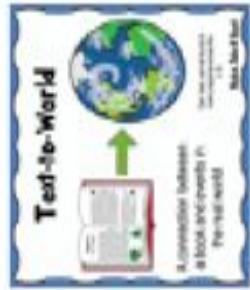
Text-to-Text:



Literary or Rhetorical Devices (similes, metaphors, personification, etc.):

Explain what it means:

Text-to-World:



Memorable Quote from the Text:

Explain why the quote is memorable :