



LANGSTON HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL
Summer Reading and Writing Assignment
Rising 8th Graders in Honors/GTC English

Read one of the following listed literature selections which are the required readings in Honors/GTC English:

Lord of the Flies by William Golding
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
The Red Pony by John Steinbeck
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Call of the Wild by Jack London
19 Minutes by Jodi Piccoult

Prepare an **Outside Reading Report** by answering (in complete sentences) the twenty-five questions on the literature selection. Submit a final copy (typed or hand-written in ink) of the **Outside Reading Report** on the first day of English class in September. The score for the **Outside Reading Report** is based on the demonstration of accurate written expression and an understanding of literature concepts.

Outside Reading Report – Honors & GTC

BIBLIOGRAPHY

1. Who is the book's author?
2. What is the book's title? (The title of a book is underlined or italicized, if typed.)
3. What is the location of the book's publisher?
4. What is the name of the book's publisher?
5. What is the year of the book's publication?

PLOT AND CONFLICT

6. Whose point of view is the story told from?
7. Describe the major conflict(s) in the story.
8. What type(s) of conflict(s) (i.e., man vs. self, man vs. man, man vs. society, man vs. nature) did you describe?
9. How is/are the conflict(s) resolved?
10. Why is the final episode (the resolution) a fitting conclusion?

CHARACTERIZATION

11. Who is the main character or protagonist in the story?
12. What are some personality/physical traits of the main character?
13. What motivates/governs the thoughts/actions of the main character?
14. Who/what is the main character's antagonist?
15. Explain how you, the reader, connected to the main character.
16. How does the main character change by the end of the story?

SETTING

17. When does the story take place?
18. How is the time period in the story revealed?
19. How long a period of time does the story cover?
20. Where does the story take place?
21. Why is the story's setting essential to the development of the main character?

THEME AND MOOD

22. What is the main idea that is developed in the story?
23. How does the book's title reflect the story's main idea?
24. Explain the feeling(s) that you, the reader, experienced while reading the book.
25. What does the story say about the human condition?