



**LANGSTON HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Summer Reading and Writing Assignment for English Class**  
**Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Read one of the following listed literature selections which are the required readings over the summer:

**Animal Farm** by George Orwell  
**The Diary of Anne Frank** by Anne Frank  
**The Pearl** by John Steinbeck  
**The Outsiders** by S. E. Hinton  
**Out of the Dust** by Karen Hesse  
**Speak** by Laurie Halse Anderson

Prepare an **Outside Reading Report** by answering (in complete sentences) the 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

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

1. Who is the book's author?
2. What is the book's title? (The title of a book is underlined.)
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. Describe the major problem(s), or conflict(s), in the story.
7. What type of conflict(s) (i.e., man vs. self, man vs. man, man vs. society, man vs. nature) did you describe?
8. How is/are the major problem(s), or conflict(s), resolved?

## **CHARACTERIZATION**

9. Who is the main character – or protagonist – in the story?
10. What are some personality/physical traits of the main character?
11. What motivates/governs the thoughts/actions of the main character?
12. Who/what is the main character's opponent?

## **SETTING**

13. When does the story take place?
14. How is the time period in the story revealed?
15. Where does the story take place?

## **THEME AND MOOD**

16. What is the main idea that is developed in the story?
17. How does the book's title reflect the story's main idea?
18. What is the main feeling that is developed in the story?