

## Summer Reading Assessments

*Assessments determined by grade level, Honors/Regular, and content of book*

All students should be prepared for a test over their summer reading book(s) during the first week of school.

All students also **MUST** keep a book of journal entries throughout the reading of the book, highlighting the key details of the book. Students should complete a series of one-page journals; one for every 40 pages. In your journal, keep record of the following items:

- 1) New vocabulary encountered while reading – include definition (in proper context of sentence in story)
- 2) Themes: Explain what they are and how they are developed in story
- 3) Summary of what has been read up to that point
- 4) Any quotes that strike you as a reader

Additionally, each student must choose one of the following projects to complete by the first day of school:

- **PowerPoint highlighting details of story:** Presentation must consist of at least 10 slides
- **Scrapbook of story details:** Pictures or illustrations with captions that follow the plot of the story. Must be at least 8 pages not including cover.
- **Essay:** Write a three-page essay analyzing one of the following literary elements: themes, characterization, symbolism, or conflict.
- **Critique:** Give an overview of the book; discuss the plot, characters, and setting. Then, give a thorough opinion of the writing style, story line, and support your opinion with examples from the book. Critique should be at least two pages.
- **“Book in five minutes” mini-movie:** Create a short film acting out the plot of the book. Students are permitted to act in each other’s films; however, each individual student must create his or her own film.
- **Culture Kit (for junior high students only):** Bring in items from the culture/background of the story and write a two page explanation of the items chosen and how they connect with the book’s culture and background.
- **Poster/Collage (for junior high students only):** Create a collage using images that represent the setting, characters, events, themes, and symbols from the story. The collage should at least be the half size of a 22x28” standard poster board