

Rising 6th Graders: Mandatory reading: **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio

Rising 7th Graders: Mandatory reading: **The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate

Rising 8th Graders: Mandatory reading: **Rocket Boys** by Homer H. Hickman, Jr.

- You are responsible to create a report for your book. The report will be placed in a folder and the front cover of the folder should contain a new cover for the book. Write the book title and author's name. At the bottom of the cover, write, "Cover designed by (your name)."
- You may choose to draw and color the cover or design it on your computer, print it out, and glue it to the front cover of your folder.
- The items below need to be placed inside the folder. More than one item may be on a single piece of paper. Label each section.

Please make sure you include the following items.

- **PLOT SUMMARY**- Must include a short plot summary with the introduction, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution labeled.
- **THEME**-It must have one paragraph about the theme. Remember a theme is the main subject in a piece of writing. You must be able to support your ideas with evidence from the text.
- **VOCABULARY WORDS**-It must have 10 vocabulary words that you do not know with the part of speech and definition of them listed.
- **AUTHOR**-It must have one paragraph of five to ten sentences about the author. Include when and where she/he was born, what other works she/he has written, and if she/he has received any significant awards.
- **TONE**- Include the tone-(overall mood)- In one paragraph of five to ten sentences, describe the overall tone of the book and explain.
- **SETTING**- Include details from the book about settings of the book.
- **MAIN CHARACTER**- - Have a paragraph about the main character. It needs to describe the character's appearance, how they express themselves/interact with the other characters

Rising 7th and 8th Graders must also include the following:

II. LITERARY DEVICES: Using the glossary below, try to identify five examples of literary devices (simile, metaphor, personification) from within each novel. Rewrite the literary device examples you find, making sure to include novel title and page numbers. Label this section "Literary Devices."

Simile: A comparison of two different things, which uses the words LIKE or AS.

Example: She is like the wind. (Comparing a girl to the wind.) Example: He was as wise as an owl. (Comparing a boy to a bird often associated with wisdom.)

Metaphor: A comparison of two different things that do not use words like or as.

Examples: She is my rock. (The girl is being compared to the strength and stability of a rock. The girl is not actually a rock. However, the comparison is made to illustrate the girl's strength.) Example: Life is a highway. (Life is not really a highway. The comparison is being made to illustrate that life is a journey.)

Personification: Giving something that is NOT human, people-like qualities.

Example: The stars danced playfully in the inky sky. (Stars don't dance. People dance. The author used personification to make the stars seem as if they were alive.)