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[Eighth Grade Summer Reading List and Requirements](#)

This is a record of your summer reading. You will hand this form in to your 8th grade Language Arts teacher in August along with a Story Elements Graphic Organizer chart for EACH book! *You are expected to read at least two (2) books and complete the required Story Elements Graphic Organizer chart for each book. (See next page for chart)

Book Title	Start/Completion date(s)	Parent's Signature	Story Elements Chart Completed
1. Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings <i>Priscilla Cummings deftly weaves a suspenseful tale of 3 teenagers caught in a wicked web of deception.</i>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Cardturner by Louis Sachar <i>Sachar explores the disparity between what you know and what you think you know and inspires readers to think.... and think again.</i>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Blindsided by Priscilla Cummings <i>A 14 year old girl learns devastating news and must choose to live scared or embrace a world of darkness to see the light it holds.</i>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson <i>A poignant depiction of the vicious cycle of violence and one boy's journey to healing.</i>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Cracker by Cynthia Kadohata <i>Told from the point of view of a German shepherd is an action-packed glimpse into the Vietnam War.</i>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Cinder by Marissa Meyer <i>Caught between duty and freedom, loyalty and betrayal, she must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect her world's future.</i>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan <i>Siblings embark on a dangerous journey that brings them closer to the truth about their family, and a secret order that existed since the time of the pharaohs.</i>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. The Eleventh Plague by Jeff Hirsch <i>In the aftermath of a war, America's landscape has been ravaged and two-thirds of the population left dead from a vicious strain of influenza.</i>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen <i>Jessica thinks her life is over when she loses a leg in a car accident.</i>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Drums, Girls, & Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick <i>A brave story that will make readers laugh and break their hearts at the same time.</i>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

****Due by Friday of the first week back to school!**

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Name _____ Book _____ Author _____

Details for the Major Setting
Paraphrase detail with page number

Where: (3-5 details)

When: (3-5 details)

Characters

Identify personality traits, role in developing the plot, trace the characters through the beginning, middle and end of the book

Protagonist:

Antagonist:

Supporting Character:

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Conflicts

Explain the major conflicts the protagonist is struggling with, in the book. You must choose two different types of conflicts: man vs. man, man vs. society, man vs. self

Conflict 1 Man vs. _____

Conflict 2 Man vs. _____

Rising Action and Climax

For steps #1-3, identify and explain the rising action – three major events that lead up to the climax.

Step #4 – identify and explain the climax of the story.

1.

2.

3.

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4.

Resolution

Explain how the major conflicts you identified on the first page were resolved by the end of the book.

Resolution for Conflict One

Resolution for Conflict Two

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Theme

**Write the theme for the book – all themes should pertain to the idea of TRUTH
Paraphrase an example from the beginning, middle, and end of the book to support the chosen theme.**

THEME:

Example from the Beginning

Example from the Middle

Example from the End