

Summer Reading Project

Grade 8

Name _____ Due Date _____

You will need to select a novel (fiction or nonfiction) that is set in a part of the world **other than** the United States. You will be reading the novel and doing a bit of research on the country in which the story takes place. When you return to school in August, you will give a short presentation to the class about your summer reading. I hope you enjoy this adventure and learn some things about the wonderful world around you!!!

After reading the story, prepare a report which includes the following:

Page 1:

Cover Page

- Title and Author of the book.
- A picture or drawing of the setting of the story

Page 2

Title and Author of the book

Describe the setting of the story including the time and place – please be specific with this information. Take notes as you are reading so that you can refer back to them.

Give background information about the story – don't retell the story, simply give a brief sketch of the storyline.

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In column one, list four major events that occurred in the story. Keep them in chronological order so that the reader can follow along with the story line. In column two, tell how the character felt about this particular event. In column three, tell how you felt about the same event as you were reading about it.

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Give the geography of the country: its size, location, neighboring countries, topography, and its capital city.

Give the population of the country, its major ethnic groups, the principle languages spoken, the chief religions, and the type of government.

A map of the country in which the story takes place – this is not to be a detailed physical or political map, just simply a map of location identifying the country and its surrounding neighbors.