

# SUMMER READING

## RESPONSE TO LITERATURE

### EXTRA-CREDIT FOR INCOMING 6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

In order to make your summer reading more meaningful, choose **one** of the three writing prompts below to write a **one to two page literary response**.

Your response must be turned in to your English teacher on **your first day back to school**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Extra-credit points will be added to your first quarter English Literature grade (submissions must be **type-written** and they must meet the criteria outlined for the prompt chosen).

#### *Response to Literature Prompt #1: A Short Summary*

Summary writing is a strategy to help you understand and remember. Summaries are also a good way to recall the important events in the story and their significance to the plot. When writing a summary, you select only the most important ideas from the material that you read. Next, you combine these ideas into a clear and simple mini-report.

#### *Response to Literature Prompt #2: Character Sketch*

As we read, we form ideas and opinions about the characters in a story. Write about one of the character's in the story that you found the most interesting. Write a brief description of the character, how you feel about that character, and why you chose that particular character to write about. Remember that you can like or dislike the character that you are writing about.

#### *Response to Literature Prompt #3: The Book has Spoken*

Find at least one part from your reading that "speaks" to you. This can be one sentence or one paragraph, but it must stand out to you. First, you must quote the text directly. Underneath the direct quote you must write why that particular part of the book stood out to you as the reader.