

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Book Reports

**Read 2 books of choice on level 4.5 - 6.0, and use the following guidelines to write a book report for each. Use what you have learned about grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and paragraph writing to write a 5 paragraph, A+ book report.**

### **Cover**

Include your name, author, illustration of book (handmade or printed)...

### **P1 - Introduction**

Things to include in the introduction:

- The title (underlined) and author of the book
- Why you chose the book
- What kind of story is it? (realistic fiction? Historical fantasy? Historical fiction? Narrative nonfiction? Biography? Expository nonfiction? ...)

### **P2 - P4 - Body**

In this section you want to describe the main parts of a story: theme, setting, plot, and characters. Then you give your opinions about the book.

**The Setting** is the time and place of the story. Is it set a long time ago or now? Does it take place in another country or in an imaginary place? How much time passes in the story – a day? a year? A lifetime?

**The Plot** is what happens. You want to tell what the story is mostly about.

What is the main event or conflict? What things lead up to it? What happens as a result? How does the story end? (Sometimes you want to avoid telling the ending, or giving away the secret of the story.)

Be careful not to retell the whole story in detail – you want room in your report to write about other things; instead, just say enough about it so the rest of your report will make sense.

**The Characters** are who the story is about. Discuss the main character. Who are the other important characters?

**The Theme** is the main idea of the story. Some examples might be the importance of friendship or how to be courageous in a difficult situation. Tell what you think the theme is and how you know

## **P5 - Conclusion**

Give your overall opinion of the book and the most important thing you want other people to know about it.

Once you have summarized the book, you can tell what you think about it. You can write about whatever opinions you have. Some questions you might want to answer are:

- Do you like the story? Why or why not?
- What was the best part of the book? Why?
- How did the story make you feel? Did you feel different things at different points in the story?
- Would you recommend it to friends?
- Would you read other books by this author?
- What new things did you learn from this book?