



Summer Reading

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER



NAME:

GRADE:

BOOK *Information:*

Title:

Author:

Genre:

Summary: In 3-5 sentences summarize what the book is mostly about. You do NOT need to retell each event.

Theme:

What is a major theme (big idea or message) of the book? Then, explain in 2-3 sentences why you think this is a theme or give an example from the story.

Theme:

Give an example or explain why you thought this:

Personal

CONNECTION/TAKEAWAY:

How did the book affect you personally? Or, did it remind you of something in your life or make you think differently?

Quote:

Choose a meaningful quote and explain why it stood out. Include quotations and the page number.

Page #:

Quote:

Why it stood out:



Theme Examples



Common Themes & Book Examples

1. Friendship

- “Charlotte’s Web” by E.B. White
- Theme: True friendship can bring out the best in others and endure even the hardest goodbyes.

2. Courage

- “Bridge to Terabithia” by Katherine Paterson
- Theme: True courage is shown not just through big adventures, but also through emotional strength and facing fears, even when it’s really hard.

3. Family & Belonging

- “Esperanza Rising” by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- Theme: Family, resilience, and community can help us overcome hardship.

4. Justice & Injustice

- “Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry” by Mildred D. Taylor
- Theme: Standing up for what’s right takes strength in the face of unfairness.

5. Perseverance

- “Hatchet” by Gary Paulsen
- Theme: Surviving tough situations requires resilience, problem-solving, and inner strength.

6. Kindness & Compassion

- “Because of Winn-Dixie” by Kate DiCamillo
- Theme: Small acts of kindness can bring people together and heal old wounds.

Summer Reading Checklist



Book Information

☐ I listed the title, author, and genre.

☐ My book was 150 pages or more.

Total points: /5

Theme

☐ I clearly identified a central theme from the book.

☐ I supported the theme with an explanation or example from the book.

Total points: /5

Summary

☐ I wrote a brief summary of the book.

☐ I wrote what the story was mostly about.

Total points: /5

Personal Connection

☐ I made a thoughtful connection between the book and my own life, another book, or the world.

☐ I explained how this connection helped me understand the book better.

Total points: /5

Quote & Explanation

☐ I chose a meaningful quote from the book.

☐ I explained why the quote is important or how it connects to the theme or story.

Total points: /5

Total Points: /25