

Summer Reading Assignment for rising 8th Grade **Honors** Language Arts

Please select **one** of the following novels: The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Treasure Island, Kidnapped, Anne of Green Gables or Little Women. (no abridged versions allowed). After you read the novel of your choice, follow the instructions below. In the **notebook** given to you in the folder, please **hand write** your response to the directions below for each chapter. All work should be neat and in complete sentences. All work must be ORIGINAL. Do not use any other source to complete this work.

This assignment will focus on **character analysis**. As you read, focus on the main character in your novel.

Anne of Green Gables: Anne

Treasure Island: Jim Hawkins

Kidnapped: David Balfour

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer: Tom (the novel focuses mostly on Tom; in later chapters, however, Huck is also included in the certain chapters. If you would like to focus on Huck in those chapters, that is acceptable.)

Little Women: Jo March (the novel focuses mostly on Jo; in chapters where Jo is not the focus, choose one of her sisters as your focal point)

Complete these steps **for each chapter**:

1. Write a 4-5 sentence summary of the chapter.
2. Select **one quotation** from the chapter **which reflects the personality of your main character**.
 - a. The quotation selected can be dialogue **OR** simply the words of the narrator.
 - b. The quotation can be something the character says, something the character does, something the character thinks or something someone else says about the character. It can also just be the narrator narrating the story. Please make sure that the quotation makes sense.
 - c. Remember to include the **PAGE NUMBER** at the end of the quotation.
 - d. Since you selected a quotation that reflects your character's personality, please now select an **adjective** that reflects what your quotation shows about your character. Explain how the quotation reveals that character trait. (see example below)

This assignment will be worth a **test grade** and will be due **Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017**.

Sample journal entry from chapter 1: (from the novel The Adventures of Tom Sawyer)

#1: Summary: In this chapter, Tom Sawyer is introduced to the reader. Tom disobeys his aunt by stealing jam and sugar. Each time, he is able to avoid her discipline through trickery. Even though he behaves this way, his aunt reveals her patience and love for him. He also acts arrogantly and challenges a new boy in town to a fight.

#2 Quotation: (select **one** of the following types of quotations):

Quote that is not dialogue: "While Tom was eating supper and stealing sugar as opportunity offered, Aunt Polly asked him questions."(3). Tom is **deceitful**. He steals sugar when he thinks his aunt is not paying attention; his deceitful side is evident in these actions. (Notice that this quotation is not dialogue)

OR

Quote that is dialogue: “Now that’ll learn you. Look out who you’re fooling with next time”(8). Here, Tom reveals that he is **self-confident**. He boasts to his adversary that he is superior. (Notice that this quotation is dialogue)