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Dear Parents of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Students,

Welcome to a new school year. I am looking forward to teaching your child and look forward to increasing his or her skills in reading comprehension, writing, vocabulary, and grammar. To make sure your child stays connected with reading over the summer, I am asking each student to read **at least** two books of their choice and on their grade level.

After reading, students will complete two mini book synopses (see attached, form also located on the Rambam website). The attached rubric will be used for grading (rubric also found on website). This assignment will be due on the first day of school in August. Points will be deducted if late. Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at [loring@rambamdayschool.org](mailto:loring@rambamdayschool.org)

Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

Loring Wright

## Summer Reading

### Book Synopsis

Please type your Book Synopsis. If you do not have access to a computer, you may use lined paper and write in your very best cursive. You do not have to use this form, but you must use this format. Please use complete sentences.

**Your Name:**

**Book Title:**

**Author:**

**Number of Pages:**

What attracted you to this book? (Ideas: Do you like reading books in the series? Do you like reading books by this author? Was it the cover of the book that attracted you?) **Example: I wanted to read *The Title of the Book*, because I have been reading other books in a series. Then continue with your reasons.**

Brief Plot Summary: (What is the book about?)

What was your favorite part of the book? Be sure to include when and where your favorite part takes place.

Choose a character in the book that you think is the most interesting. What do you like about the character? Give at least three examples from the book that demonstrate your point.

Describe the major problem in the story that the protagonist (central character) must overcome. Describe how the problem was solved.

Would you recommend this book? Why or why not?

## Summer Book Synopsis Rubric

ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETED AND TURNED IN ON TIME \_\_\_\_\_ (20 pts.)

EFFORT/NEATNESS \_\_\_\_\_ (20 pts.)

COMPLETE SENTENCES \_\_\_\_\_ (20 pts.)

APPROPRIATE RESPONSES \_\_\_\_\_ (20 pts.)

DEPTH OF RESPONSES \_\_\_\_\_ (20 pts.)

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_