

Middle School Summer Reading Guide

You don't have to know every little detail of the required summer reading selection. Instead, you need to focus on the **BIG IDEAS**. As you read, refer to the **Notes Guide** below to be sure you are paying attention to the right pieces of information. Always focus on main ideas rather than trying to memorize character names and small plot details. Be sure to bring a copy of the required novel to school so you can participate in class literature discussions.

Notes Guide

- As you read the novel, take **ONLY ONE PAGE** of notes.
- Notes are brief ideas, sentence fragments, phrases, and thoughts to remind you of the reading.
- It's a good idea to jot down the page numbers next to your notes, so you can find the passage later.
- Your notes should include phrases to remind you of
 - The plot (major events) in the story
 - The setting (time and place) and its importance to the story
 - The characters (names and basic character traits)
 - The conflict (problem) the main characters face
 - The changes the main characters experience throughout the book

