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Fiction Summer Reading Graphic Organizer

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1. Explain how the setting is important to the development of the plot of your novel. Describe the setting in detail and include examples of the author's choice of words to support your response.

2. Describe the main character in your novel. Provide evidence of what the character says, does, feels and thinks to support your description, including page numbers.

3. Describe a choice made by the main character and the impact that choice has on subsequent events in the story.

4. Describe the climax of the plot of your novel:

5. Describe the main conflict of your novel. How is the conflict resolved?

6. What rating would you give this book out of five stars?

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Nonfiction Summer Reading Graphic Organizer

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1. Briefly summarize the overall main ideas and important details found in this text.

2. What new terms or concepts from the text must the reader learn in order to understand the main idea of this nonfiction work?

3. Relate the information in this text to a topic you have already studied in school or on your own.

4. Describe the information presented in this text that was most interesting to you.

5. Would you recommend this book to another student your age? Why/why not?

List of Suggested Titles

ACTION AND ADVENTURE

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz... After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6. *series*

Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan... When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger. *series*

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen... After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce. *series*

Soldier Boys by Dean Hughes... Two boys, one German and one American, are eager to join their respective armies during World War II, and their paths cross at the Battle of the Bulge. Pay attention to the wartime propaganda on both sides!

Code Orange by Caroline B. Cooney... While conducting research for a biology class paper on infectious diseases, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City, and attracted the attention of terrorists who want to use the disease as a weapon.

Silverfin by Charlie Higson... Young James Bond attends school at the prestigious Eton boarding school, and teams up with Red to investigate the mystery of the disappearance of a boy, Alfie Kelly, Red's cousin, allegedly linked to a madman with a plot for global domination. *series*

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I'd Tell You That I Love You But Then I'd Have to Kill You by Ally Carter... As a sophomore at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission.

Twilight by Stephenie Meyer... When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human. *series*

A Great and Terrible Beauty by Libba Bray... After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world. *series*

Beautiful Creatures by Kami Garcia ... Lena Duchannes is unlike anyone Ethan Wate has ever seen, and she's struggling to conceal her power, and a curse that has haunted her family for generations. When Lena moves into the town's oldest and most infamous plantation, Ethan is inexplicably drawn to her and determined to uncover the connection between them. *series*

CLASSICS.

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells... Relates the adventures of a scientist who invents a machine that transports him into the future.

War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells... An intellectually-superior race from Mars invades the Earth with plans to enslave human beings. When this was broadcast as a radio play for the first time in the 1930's, it caused panic as people were not sure if this was real or not!

Dracula by Bram Stoker... Wealthy Transylvanian nobleman, Count Dracula, is revealed as a vampire.

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley... Victor Frankenstein discovers the secret of generating life from lifeless matter and creates a monster who, scorned for being ugly, swears revenge on his creator and the human race.

Fantastic Voyage by Isaac Asimov... Five people are miniaturized and sent on a rescue mission through a man's body where they have sixty minutes to reach and break up a blood clot in his brain.

FANTASY

The Looking Glass Wars by Frank Beddor... When she is cast out of Wonderland by her evil aunt Redd, young Alyss Heart finds herself living in Victorian Oxford as Alice Liddell and struggles to keep memories of her kingdom intact until she can return and claim her rightful throne. *series*

Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan... Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon. He is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war. *series*

Everlost by Neal Shusterman... When Nick and Allie are killed in a car crash, they end up in Everlost, or limbo for lost souls, where, although Nick is satisfied, Allie will stop at nothing--even skinjacking--to break free.

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer... Twelve-year-old millionaire, genius, and criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl finds himself in over his head after he kidnaps a dangerous fairy. *series*

Eragon by Christopher Paolini... In Alagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage named Eragon finds a mysterious stone that is actually a dragon's egg. When the dragon, Saphira, hatches, Eragon becomes the last of the Dragon Riders, and the only hope of all of the residents of Alagaesia for overthrowing the evil King Galbatorix. *series*

City of Bones by Cassandra Clare ...Set in contemporary New York City, a seemingly ordinary teenager, Clary Fray, discovers she is the descendant of a line of Shadowhunters, a secret cadre of young half-angel warriors locked in an ancient battle to protect our world from demons. After the disappearance of her mother, Clary must join forces with a group of Shadowhunters, who introduce her to a dangerous alternate New York called Downworld, filled with demons, warlocks, vampires, werewolves and other deadly creatures. *series*

Raven's Gate by Anthony Horowitz... As punishment for a crime he didn't really commit, Matt was given a choice: go to jail or go live with an old woman named Mrs. Deverill in a remote town called Lesser Malling. He should have chosen jail. A strange and sinister plan is coming together made in Lesser Malling, with Matt at the center of it all. People who try to help him disappear . . . or die. It all ties to an evil place named Raven's Gate - a place whose destiny is horrifyingly intertwined with Matt's own.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis... Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.

When My Name Was Keoko by Linda Sue Park... With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

Incantation by Alice Hoffman... During the Spanish Inquisition, sixteen-year-old Estrella, brought up a Catholic, discovers her family's true Jewish identity, and when their secret is betrayed by Estrella's best friend, the consequences are tragic.

Airman by Eoin Colfer... In the 1890s on an island off the Irish coast, Conor Broekhart is falsely imprisoned and passes the solitary months by scratching designs of flying machines into the walls, including one for a glider with which he dreams of escape.

A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly... Sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and boyfriend, takes a job at a hotel in 1906 where the death of a guest renews her determination to live her own life.

Or Give Me Death by Ann Rinaldi... With their father away most of the time advocating independence for the American colonies, the children of Patrick Henry try to raise themselves, manage the family plantation, and care for their mentally ill mother.

HUMOR

The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts by Richard Peck... Mrs. Ball loves the first line: "If your teacher has to die, August isn't a bad time of year for it." Russell's elderly teacher (gasp! she was at least 40!) dies just before the beginning of the book, and his older sister Tansy is hired by the school board in their small town to run the one-room schoolhouse. Russell and his friends decide to do whatever they have to do to get her to quit, and the results are hysterically funny!

Harris and Me by Gary Paulsen... An 11-year-old boy spends a summer with distant relatives on their Minnesota farm, and discovers what an extraordinary prankster his wild cousin Harris is.

No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Korman... Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams... Seconds before Earth is demolished to make room for a galactic freeway, an earthman is saved by his friend. Together they journey through the galaxy.

The Wee Free Men by Terry Pratchett... Tiffany, a young witch-to-be in the land of Discworld, teams up with the Wee Free Men, a clan of six-inch-high blue toughs, to rescue her baby brother and ward off a sinister invasion from Fairyland. *series*

MYSTERY

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie... Originally published as *Ten Little Indians*. Ten strangers--each with a sordid past--are summoned by an absent millionaire to a private island off the coast of Devon and begin to die one by one upon arrival

Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman? by Eleanor Updale... In Victorian London, after his life is saved by a young physician, a thief utilizes the knowledge he gains in prison and from the scientific lectures he attends as the physician's case study exhibit to create a new, highly successful, double life for himself. *series*

The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley ... It is the summer of 1950--and at the once-grand mansion of Buckshaw, young Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, is intrigued by a series of inexplicable events: A dead bird is found on the doorstep, a postage stamp bizarrely pinned to its beak. Then, hours later, Flavia finds a man lying in the cucumber patch and watches him as he takes his dying breath. For Flavia, who is both appalled and delighted, life begins in earnest when murder comes to Buckshaw.

The Traitor's Gate by Avi... When his father is arrested as a debtor in 1849 London, fourteen-year-old John Huffman must take on unexpected responsibilities, from asking a distant relative for help to determining why people are spying on him and his family.

Snatched by Pete Hautman and Mary Logue... Too curious for her own good, Roni, crime reporter for her high school newspaper, teams up with Brian, freshman science geek, to investigate the beating and kidnapping of a classmate.

The Sisters Grimm: The Unusual Suspects by Michael Buckley... Although filled with anger over her parents' disappearance, eleven-year-old Sabrina Grimm--along with her grandmother, sister, and several fairy-tale characters--tries to discover who has killed her teacher.

Death Cloud by Andrew Lane ... It is the summer of 1868, and Sherlock Holmes is fourteen. On break from boarding school, he is staying with eccentric strangers--his uncle and aunt--in their vast house in Hampshire. When two local people die from symptoms that resemble the plague, Holmes begins to investigate what really killed them, helped by his new tutor, an American named Amyus Crowe. So begins Sherlock's true education in detection, as he discovers the dastardly crimes of a brilliantly sinister villain of exquisitely malign intent.

SCIENCE FICTION

Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton... An account of the attempt of a billionaire who has financed the creation of a genetics lab which recreates dinosaur species from millions of years ago to create a theme park which gets out of control.

Epic by Conor Kostick... Gamers will LOVE this one! On New Earth, a world in which your status is based on your performance in a global video role-playing game, fourteen-year-old Erik persuades his friends to aid him in some unusual gambits in order to save Erik's father from exile and safeguard the futures of each of their families.

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card... Ender, who is the result of government-sponsored genetic experimentation, may be the military genius Earth needs in its war against an alien enemy. This is the story of Ender's training at the Battle School space station from age six on. *series*

House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer... In a future where human clones are regarded as property and not people with any rights, Matt enjoys special status as the youngest and last clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old drug lord whose corrupt drug empire is nestled between Mexico and the United States. But Matt's special status will only last until his parts are needed, and if he wants to live, he must escape.

Maximum Ride by James Patterson... After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "bird kids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose. *series*

Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer... Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

This Place Has No Atmosphere by Paula Danziger... Aurora loves her life on Earth in the twenty-first century, until she learns that her family is moving to the colony on the moon.

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld... Tally is faced with a difficult choice when her new friend Shay decides to risk life on the outside rather than submit to the forced operation that turns sixteen year old girls into gorgeous beauties, and realizes that there is a whole new side to the pretty world that she doesn't like. *series*

SPORTS

Heat by Mike Lupica... Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof. Mrs. Ball says this is the best baseball book she's read in a long time.

Throwing Like a Girl by Weezie Kerr Mackie... After moving from Chicago to Dallas in the spring of her sophomore year, fifteen-year-old Ella finds that joining the softball team at her private school not only helps her make friends, it also provides unexpected opportunities to learn and grow.

Travel Team by Mike Lupica... After he is cut from his travel basketball team - the very same team that his father once led to national prominence- twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.

Dairy Queen by Catherine Gilbert Murdock... After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her. Sequel is *The Off Season*.

Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher... Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.

Crackback by John Coy... Miles barely recalls when football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, constantly criticized by his father, and pressured by his best friend to take performance-enhancing drugs.

Keeper by Mal Peet... South American journalist Paul Faustino begins his interview with World Cup Soccer star El Gato and learns a fantastic story of a young, lonely boy growing up in the middle of a rain forest who wandered upon a mysterious soccer field and an apparition that appeared to him daily.

Pinned by Alfred C. Martino ... Dealing with family problems, girls, and their own competitive natures, high school seniors Ivan Korske and Bobby Zane face each other in the final match of the New Jersey State Wrestling Championship.

Football Genius by Tim Green... Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players.

The Million Dollar Putt by Dan Gutman... Assisted by his neighbor, Birdie, blind thirteen-year-old Ed "Bogie" Bogard will win one million dollars if he can sink a ten-foot putt in Hawaii's fifth annual Angus Killick Memorial Tournament.

REALISTIC FICTION

The Face on the Milk Carton by Caroline B. Cooney... A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity. *series*

Small Steps by Louis Sachar... Sequel to *Holes*. Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is trying hard to keep his life on track, but when his old pal X-Ray shows up with a tempting plan to make some easy money scalping concert tickets, Armpit reluctantly goes along.

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli... Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.

The Killing Sea by Richard Lewis... In the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami in Sumatra, two teenagers, American Sarah and Acehnese Ruslan, meet and continue together their arduous climb inland, where Ruslan hopes to find his father and Sarah seeks a doctor for her brother.

Notes From the Midnight Driver by Jordan Sonnenblick... After a drunk driving incident in which no one is hurt except his neighbor's garden gnome statue, Alex is assigned to perform community service at a nursing home, where he befriends a cantankerous old man who has some lessons to impart about jazz guitar playing, love and forgiveness.

Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt... Abandoned first by their father, and then also by their mother in a shopping mall parking lot, four children begin an epic journey on foot following Route 1 from Bridgeport down into Maryland in search of a home.

Schooled by Gordon Korman... Cap lives in isolation with his grandmother, a former hippie; but when she falls from a tree and breaks her hip, Cap is sent to a foster home where he has his first experience in a public school.

Monster by Walter Dean Myers... While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.

The Gospel According to Larry by Janet Tashjian... Seventeen-year-old Josh, a loner-philosopher who wants to make a difference in the world, tries to maintain his secret identity as the author of a web site that is receiving national attention. Sequel is *Vote For Larry*: Not yet eighteen years old, Josh, a.k.a. Larry, comes out of hiding and returns to public life, this time to run for President as an advocate for issues of concern to youth and to encourage voter turnout. Great for election year reading!

All of the Above by Shelly Pearsall... Five urban middle school students, their teacher, and other community members relate how a school project to build the world's largest tetrahedron affects the lives of everyone involved.

NONFICTION

Left for Dead by Peter Nelson... This is the story of the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis at the end of World War II, the Navy cover-up and unfair court martial of the ship's captain, and how teenager Hunter Scott helped the survivors set the official record straight fifty-five years later.

Flags of Our Fathers by James Bradley... James Bradley examines the lives of the six young men who raised the American flag over Iwo Jima in February 1945 and were immortalized by a famous photograph--one of whom was Bradley's father. We recommend the edition for young people.

Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon by Catherine Thimmesh... Chronicles the Apollo 11 mission, the spaceflight that landed the first man on Earth's moon on July 20, 1969, emphasizing the contributions and reactions of the thousands of people who made the mission successful.

Promises To Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America by Sharon Robinson... A biography of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play in the major leagues, as told by his daughter.

Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium by Carla Killough McClafferty... Chronicles the life of Marie Curie, discussing her childhood in Poland, schooling in France, discovery of the element radium, efforts to create mobile X-ray units during World War I, and eventual death from radium poisoning.

The Power of One : Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Nine by Judith Bloom Fradin & Dennis Brindell Fradin... Daisy Bates was a civil rights activist, journalist, and organizer who acted as a mentor to the nine African-American students who integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957.

5,000 miles to Freedom : Ellen and William Craft's Flight from Slavery by Judith Bloom Fradin and Dennis Brindell Fradin... A detailed account of Ellen and William Craft's daring escape from slavery in 1848, and describes the institution of slavery in the South along with the abolitionist movement and the Underground Railroad.

A Girl's Life Online by Katherine Tarbox... The author recalls her experiences as a thirteen-year-old who began an online chatroom relationship with someone who posed as a teenage boy but turned out to be an internet predator. She offers advice and insight on online safety and common sense, and internet predators.

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai... When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. When she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school and few expected her to survive. Hers is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons.