

## Summer Reading Essay

**Directions:** After you have read the required book chosen by Ms. Williams and a book of your own, you will write an essay. This is somewhat similar to the traditional book report, but includes other details that require more critical thinking and a more in depth analysis. Outlined below are the steps to creating a great essay:

- Your letter essay will be between 1-2 pages typed(12 point font, double spaced, Times New Roman) with the following information:
  1. A summary of the book that doesn't give away the ending. Your summary should include information about characters, setting, plot, and conflict
  2. A rating of 1-10 (1 being the worst, 10 being the best) with an explanation behind your rating
  3. Reflection on the book as a whole. (why you chose it, did you like the way the author wrote, did the genre appeal to you, did the themes speak to you, did the book confuse you, etc.)
  4. Do you recommend that I read the book? Why or why not?

Completion of this essay is required and will be collected on the first day of school, and will be used as 30 points for your first Language Arts grade. Have fun, and happy reading!!

Have a great summer!!

Ms. Williams