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## **SUMMER READING: ELEMENTS OF A STORY – PROJECT GUIDELINES**

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In order to demonstrate your understanding of your summer reading text, you will complete the Summer Reading Elements of a Story Project. This project will assess your understanding of the elements of a story and character development. The completed product will be a mini-poster displaying your analysis.

### **WHAT TO DO?** (YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE THIS WORK! NOW, WE ARE JUST FINALIZING IT!)

1. First, identify the setting, both the physical and social/historical, of your text.
2. Then, identify the protagonist of your text.
3. Then, identify the main conflict, both the type and specific conflict.
4. After, identify the plot points of your text, deciding on the exposition, the 5-7 most critical rising actions, the climax, the 3-4 most critical falling actions, and the resolution.
5. Then, analyze the character development of your protagonist, identifying the initial characterization, 2-3 transitional characterizations, and the final characterization.
6. Finally, identify the theme of your text.

Once you have identified and selected the necessary content for your project, you will create a plot diagram for your text. Unlike a traditional plot diagram, this one must connect to an important idea, theme, symbol, etc. present in your text. (Example: For *Beauty and the Beast*, a plot diagram that connects to an important symbol of the text is a rose vine or a book progressively opening.) While the plot points must be positioned on the plot diagram, you may format the rest of the poster's content however you feel is best!

### **WHAT DO YOU NEED ON YOUR POSTER?**

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| 1. TEXT TITLE                            | 7. 5-7 RISING ACTIONS                   |
| 2. TEXT AUTHOR                           | 8. CLIMAX                               |
| 3. PROTAGONIST NAME                      | 9. 3-4 FALLING ACTIONS                  |
| 4. SETTING: PHYSICAL + SOCIAL/HISTORICAL | 10. RESOLUTION                          |
| 5. CONFLICT: TYPE + SPECIFIC             | 11. CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT (I, 2-3 T, F) |
| 6. EXPOSITION                            | 12. THEME                               |

### **ALL SENTENCES SHOULD BE SIMPLY STATED!!!! THESE ARE NOT LENGTHY PLOT POINTS!**

Your poster must be completed in a professional manner. Regardless of how you design and format your poster, your poster must meet the following requirements:

1. The project is completed on the given assignment paper.
2. All images are in color OR are outlined for clarity (NO PENCIL/PEN).
3. All titles/headings are drawn over for clarity (NO PENCIL/PEN).
4. All writing/drawing is neat.
5. The paper is not wrinkled, smudged, or torn.

THIS PROJECT IS DUE IN CLASS ON **MONDAY, 28 AUGUST 2017.**