

Summer Reading 8th Grade: Rebirth

The Secret Garden by Francis Hodgson Burnett

Directions: Answer the questions on a piece of notebook paper. Use complete sentences. Write in your best handwriting. Remember, if I can't read it, I can't grade it! All work is due August 10, 2018.

Plot Elements- Definitions: (Standard used: Summarize the elements of plot development)

Exposition (beginning)—the story begins and characters are introduced.

Setting—Where a story takes place.

Rising Action—something happens to make the story more interesting; the characters have a problem.

Climax—the most suspenseful part of the story; the characters must finally face their problems and make decisions.

Falling Action—the character has made a decision about how to handle the problem, and now the story is coming to a close.

Resolution (ending)—the story concludes as the action comes to an end.

Protagonist—the leading character or one of the major characters

Antagonist—A person who is opposed to, struggles against, or competes with another; opponent; adversary.

Theme—the underlying message or the “big idea.” The belief about life that the author is trying to convey in the writing, novel, poem, short story or play. (Examples, good vs. evil, friendship, love).

Questions:

1. Who is the protagonist of *The Secret Garden*?
2. Who is/are the antagonists of the story?
3. What is the exposition?
4. What is the rising action of the story?

5. What is the climax of *The Secret Garden*?
6. What is the falling action of the story?
7. What is the resolution?
8. What does the protagonist learn? Has the protagonist changed in his mind or heart by the events of the story?
9. What do you think the theme is of *The Secret Garden*?
10. Mary and Colin are similar in many ways. List three ways Mary and Colin are alike. Make sure to use examples from the book to support your answer. Include page numbers.
11. Colin is always worried about being ill and dying. Read Philippians 4:6-8. Instead of being anxious and worrying, what do these verses tell us? What things should we think about?
12. How important is the setting of *The Secret Garden*? Explain with examples from the book to support your answer. Include page numbers.
13. Summarize *The Secret Garden*. Describe the characters in detail. A good summary should be two paragraphs, consisting of 7-10 sentences each. Use text from the book.