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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Success for next school year should begin this summer. When your child enters 7th grade this August at Shaker Heights Middle School, a rich and exciting learning experience awaits your student in Language and Literature. Getting into the habit of reading each day will increase reading skills and expose students to the larger world of literature.

Students entering 7th grade English are required to read at least two novels over the summer. We encourage students to read books that are of interest to them and that are appropriate in terms of reading level. A middle school recommended reading guide can be found on Shaker.org, and local librarians are available to assist you in your selections. Upon their return to school in the fall, students will be expected to complete an assignment that relates to their summer reading. This assignment will be collected during the first few weeks of school and will focus on literary elements (character, plot, conflict, setting, theme, etc.). The questions are enclosed for the assignment with this letter.

The Language and Literature Department is dedicated to working with students and parents to foster an appreciation of reading. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Addie Rae Tobey (7th Grade Department Chair, tobey_a@shaker.org).

Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement.

Sincerely,

7th Grade Language and Literature Teachers

Summer Reading Assignment

Name _____ Date _____ Class Period _____

I read the following books over the summer (title and author):

Choose one of your summer novels and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Character : ***Focus on one main character*** for the character questions.

What is the author's attitude (tone) toward the character? Explain with textual evidence from the novel to support your answer.

How does the character grow or change over the course of the book? Use textual evidence from the novel to support your answer.

Theme

What is/are the major theme(s)? The theme must be written in a statement form with supporting textual evidence.

Plot, Setting, Review

Summarize the elements of the plot (introduction, rising action, conflict, climax, and conclusion).

Describe the setting and how it plays a significant role in the novel.

How is the sense of mood evoked in the novel? Support your answer with textual evidence from the novel to support your answer.

Why did you choose this book? Would you recommend it to your peers? Be specific with your supporting reasons.