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Dear Parents,

The end of the year is just around the corner. However, we all know that learning does not and should not stop during the summer months. We hope that our students will have the opportunities to maintain and strengthen the skills they have learned this year at Holy Family Regional School. One important way to do that is to encourage reading throughout the summer. We are providing a list of recommended books at each grade level. Three books are starred to indicate that they are required reading. Your child's teacher may indicate what your child needs to do as a written response after reading the required books. It is our hope that all the children will add reading books to their list of "things to do this summer."

For children entering 5th grade the following books are required:

- "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis
- "One Crazy Summer" by Rita Williams-Garcia

After reading the three required books, each student entering 5th grade is to complete a project about one of these books.

**** Everything you will need for the summer reading project can be found online on Holy Family's website as well as my website.****

Dear Parents,

To verify that you received the information about **summer reading** please sign and return this bottom portion to your child's teacher. We thank you in advance for your support.

Parent Signature _____

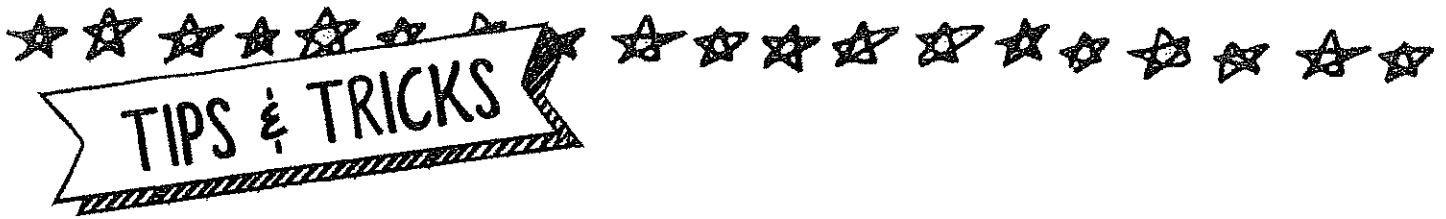
Student's Name _____



Summer READING PROJECT

Creating a
File Folder
Book Report

Name _____



TIPS & TRICKS

- SAVE this PACKET! After you complete your Summer Reading Project, stick this packet inside your folder and turn it in with your File Folder Project. The completion of this packet is also part of your grade.
- Remember that your Summer Reading Project will be your teacher's first impression of you at the start of the next school year, so make sure to showcase your best effort.
- Try to complete this project throughout the summer. Spread out the assignments and tasks. Trying to complete your reading, the drafts, and the final copy only days before it's due would be a major undertaking.
- Don't be afraid to put a creative spin on your project. Add color, pictures, and decorative elements to take your project to the next level.
- Read through all of your final copy elements to make sure that your grammar, mechanics, and spelling are correct.
- If you run out of room to write any of the final copy materials, continue your response on another piece of paper. Then, attach your paper to the file folder.
- You're welcome to type any or all of the elements of this project. You'll just want to size your typed worked so that it fits in the folder correctly.
- Don't let this project limit you to reading only one book this summer. Read a bunch of books!

EVALUATION



Your final project will be graded on your work on the first draft materials AND the quality of your work on the final File Folder Project. Check out the rubric to see exactly how your project will be evaluated. You should showcase your understanding of the novel and your creativity when completing the project.

ELEMENTS

Your file folder will include the following:

- A picture of the book's cover (illustrated by you or found on the internet)
- A plot diagram
- A character chart
- A setting review including an illustration (either by you or from another source)
- A theme analysis
- A personal reflection (over 12 sentences long)
- A listing of other books by the author of the book you read

MATERIALS

To complete your File Folder Book Project, you'll need:

- A book to read (something appropriate for your reading level)
- This packet filled with the directions, pre-write activities, and rough drafts
- A set of the final copy pages that you will be placing inside your File Folder Book Project
- A manila file folder
- Scissors, glue, colored pencils, and other decorative elements

Summer READING PROJECT

FILE FOLDER BOOK PROJECT

STEPS

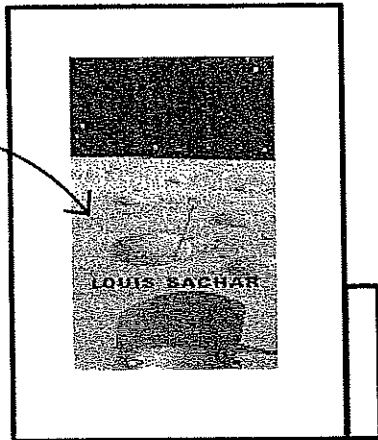
1. Select a book to read that is at your reading level.
2. While reading your book, make notes about the novel's plot, characters, setting, theme, and your personal reactions to the book. Make your notes on the FIRST DRAFT pages.
3. After you have finished your book and completed all of your FIRST DRAFT pages, review your work. Check your work for accuracy, spelling, mechanics, and grammar. Find ways to improve your first draft pages. Remember, your work on the FIRST DRAFT will also be graded.
4. Begin working on your FINAL COPY pages. Write neatly. Do your best work!
5. Assemble your File Folder Book Project.
 - You will need:
 - Your FINAL COPY pages
 - A file folder
 - Glue
 - Scissors
 - Any pictures you plan to include (For example: the book cover, other books, a scene from the book)
 - Art Supplies to "jazz up" your project (markers, glitter, stickers, colorful paper)
 - Follow the template for how to put together the file folder.
6. Review your File Folder Book Project. Make sure that it is free from errors and represents your best effort.
7. Place your FIRST DRAFT materials inside of the file folder. Bring your File Folder Book Project back to school on _____.

Summer READING PROJECT

How to assemble the FILE FOLDER BOOK PROJECT

FRONT COVER

Book Cover Design



INSIDE

Plot Diagram

PLOT

CHARACTER NAME (First & Last)	PHYSICAL TRAITS	PERSONALITY TRAITS

CHARACTERS

Character Chart

Setting
Description &
Picture

SETTING

Where does the story take place?

Why did the author choose to write in this setting?

How does the setting affect the story?

What are the main themes that happened in the book?

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What do these authors think the reader should know?

What is the author's message or theme?

THEME

Theme Analysis

BACK COVER

Personal Review

REVIEW

OTHER BOOKS

Listing of Other
Books by the
Same Author

First Draft MATERIALS



In your File Folder Project you will be charting 10 major plot events from the novel. While reading your book, list the plot events below in sequential order (number one should be an event from the beginning of the book and number ten should be an event at the end of the book). Then, complete the first draft of the plot diagram on the next page.

1.

2.

3.

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5.

6.

7.

8.

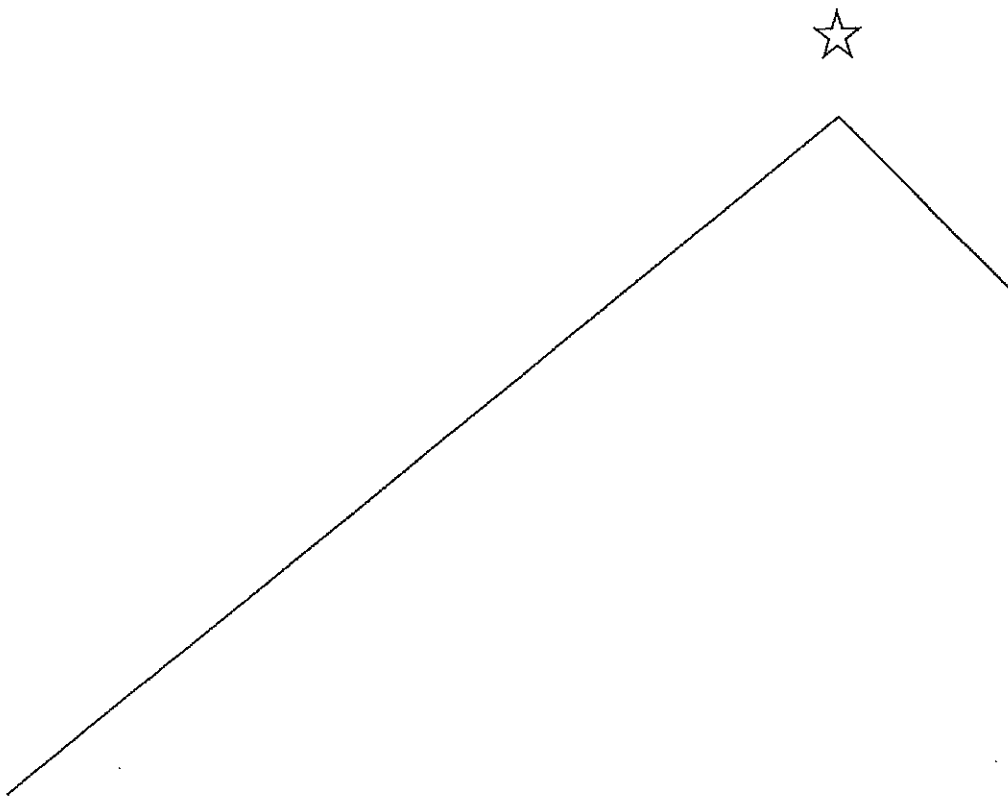
9.

10.

Now...place a star next to the most exciting part of the novel. This will represent the **climax** of the story. It usually occurs toward the end of the novel.

PLOT DIAGRAM

Plot the ten events on the diagram below. This diagram will be your first draft. The event that you put a star next to will be the climax of the story. The events leading up to the climax will be the rising action of the plot. After the climax, the remaining events will be the resolution or falling action.



NEXT STEPS:

- Review the spelling and punctuation of the plot diagram.
- Transfer the information from the first draft onto the final copy plot diagram provided to you.
- Glue the final copy of the plot diagram to the inside of the folder - left side, top of the folder.

CHARACTERS

Choose three significant characters from the book. Complete the chart below. List the characters' names (include nicknames if applicable). Fill in the physical traits section of the chart with information about the way characters look and dress. The personality traits section of the chart should include what the character acts like.

CHARACTER NAME (include nicknames)	PHYSICAL TRAITS	PERSONALITY TRAITS

Answer the following question.

What has the main character learned about himself/herself or about others through his/her experiences in the novel?

CHARACTERS

NEXT STEPS:

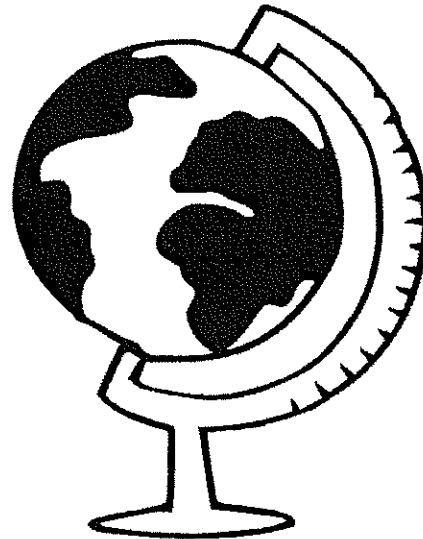
- Take a look at the character traits that you included in the chart. Are there any words that can swapped out for more more advanced vocabulary? Is it possible to add even more traits for each character?
- Review the spelling and punctuation of the first draft character chart and short response question.
- Transfer the information from your draft to the final copy character chart provided for you.
- Glue the final copy of the character chart and short response question to the inside of the folder - left side, bottom of the folder.

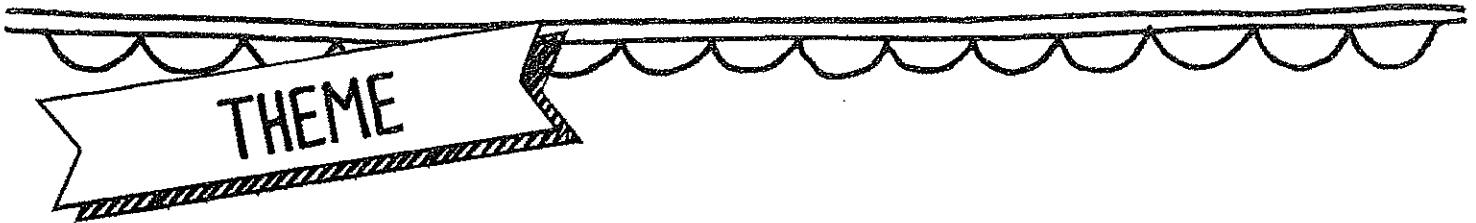


SETTING

NEXT STEPS:

- Take a look at your plan for the setting picture. You'll want to make this image visually appealing. Consider ways to make it colorful and bold.
- Review the spelling and punctuation of your answers in response to the questions about the setting.
- Transfer the information from your draft to the final copy setting space provided for you.
- Glue the final copy to the inside of the folder - right side, top of the folder.





When you have finished reading your book, you can complete this page in your
FIRST DRAFT packet.

You need to determine a theme for the book. The theme should be a lesson or
message that applies to the world (not just the story). It's what the author
wants the reader to learn about life.

To determine the theme consider:

What are the main things that happened in the book?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What do these events teach the reader about life?

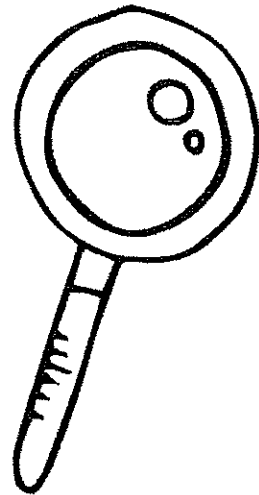
What is the author's message or theme?



THEME

NEXT STEPS:

- Review the spelling and punctuation of the first draft of your theme analysis.
- Transfer the information from your draft to the final copy theme analysis space provided for you.
- Glue the final copy to the inside of the folder - right side, bottom of the folder.

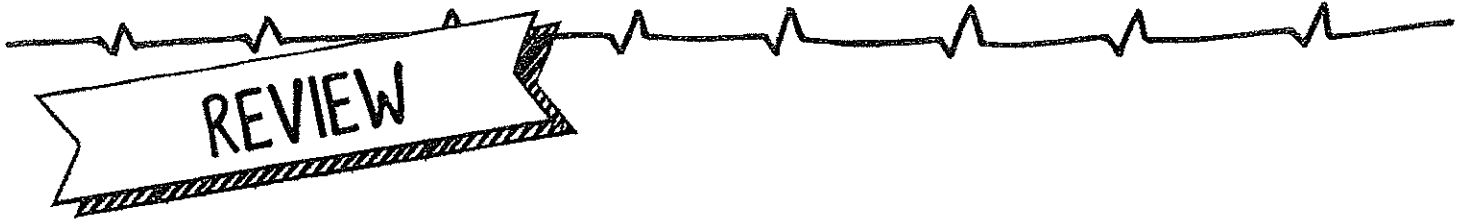




REVIEW

It's time to get reflective about the book you read. Answer the following questions in a very thoughtful and detailed manner. Restate the question in each of your responses.

1. What were your feelings after reading the opening chapter(s) of this book? After reading half of the book? After finishing the book?
2. Did the book make you laugh? Cry? Smile? Cheer? Explain your reaction or add your own.
3. What connections are there between the book and your own life? Explain.
4. What are the best parts of the book? Why?
5. What are the worst parts of the book? Why?
6. Do you like the way the book ended? Why or why not?
7. Rate the book between 1-10 (ten being the highest). Explain your rating.



Now, combine your answers to the personal reflection questions 1-7 to create a well-developed paragraph. Practice below.

FYI - At least twelve well-written sentences need to be included. The lines below represents the amount of space provided for the review. If you run out of room add an additional piece of paper and tape it to final copy paper provided for you.

NEXT STEPS

- Review the spelling and punctuation of the first draft review above.
- Transfer your writing to the final copy review paper provided for you.
- Glue the final copy to the back of the folder along the top.

OTHER BOOKS

List other books written by the same author as the book you just read.

Here are some ways to locate the titles of other books:

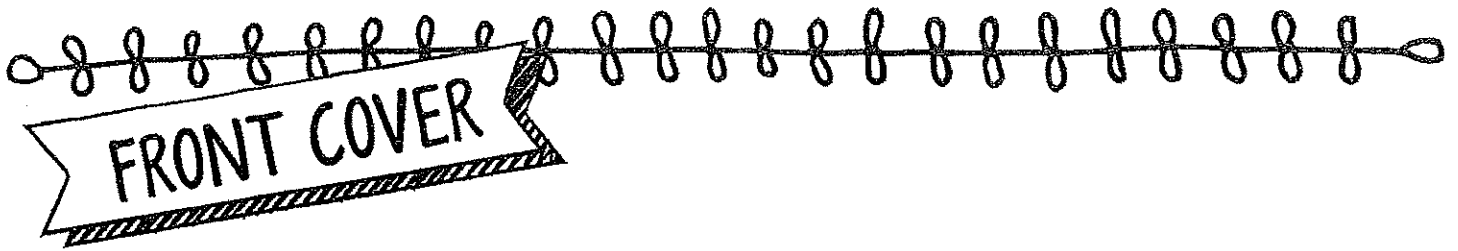
- Look for other titles listed in the book.
 - Go to the library.
 - Search the internet.

Be sure to use the correct capitalization and punctuation rules when writing each title.

List the titles below:

NEXT STEPS

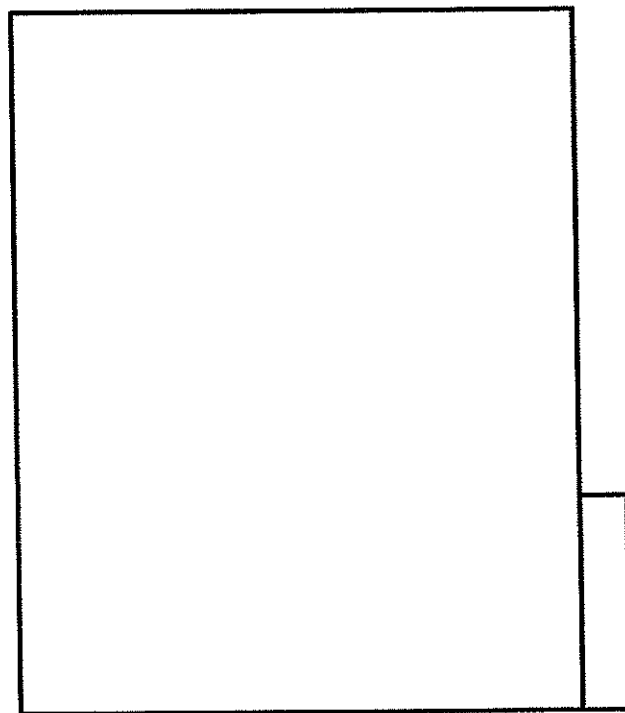
- Review the spelling, capitalization, and punctuation of the titles above
- Transfer the listing of titles to the “other books” space provided for you.
- Glue the final copy to the back of the folder along the bottom.



The front cover of your project should be bold, creative, and high quality.
It must include the book's title and author.

Brainstorm ideas for your project cover design below. You may want to try to get an image of the book cover from the internet, draw your own illustration, or design a new cover. Feel free to add other images that relate to the novel, decorations, and creative elements to the cover.

COVER BRAINSTORM:



NEXT STEPS:

- Make sure you have a creative design for your front cover.
- Assemble the materials you will need and then design your project's front cover.

FINAL COPY MATERIALS

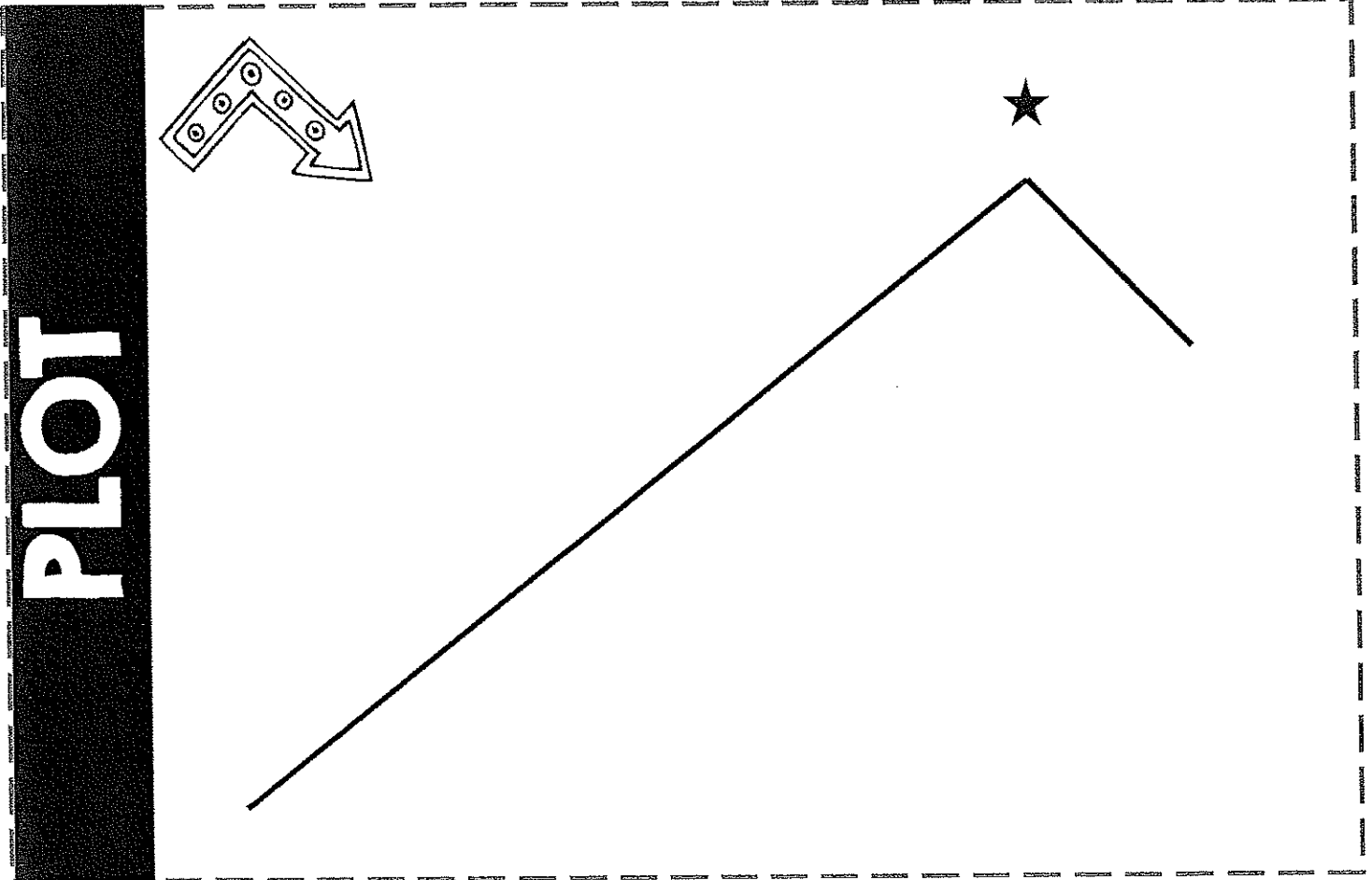
BRAIN WAVES



INSTRUCTION

Final Copy MATERIALS

Cut out each file folder element by cutting along the dotted lines of each shape. You'll want to be sure to include the words Plot, Characters, Setting, Theme, Review, and Other Books when cutting out the shapes. Glue each shape into its specified location on your file folder.



Use your first draft brainstorm to complete the character chart and question below. Since this is your final copy, be sure to write neatly. Then, cut out the shape along the dotted lines. Glue the shape under the "Plot" shape on the inside of the folder - left side, bottom.

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CHARACTERS

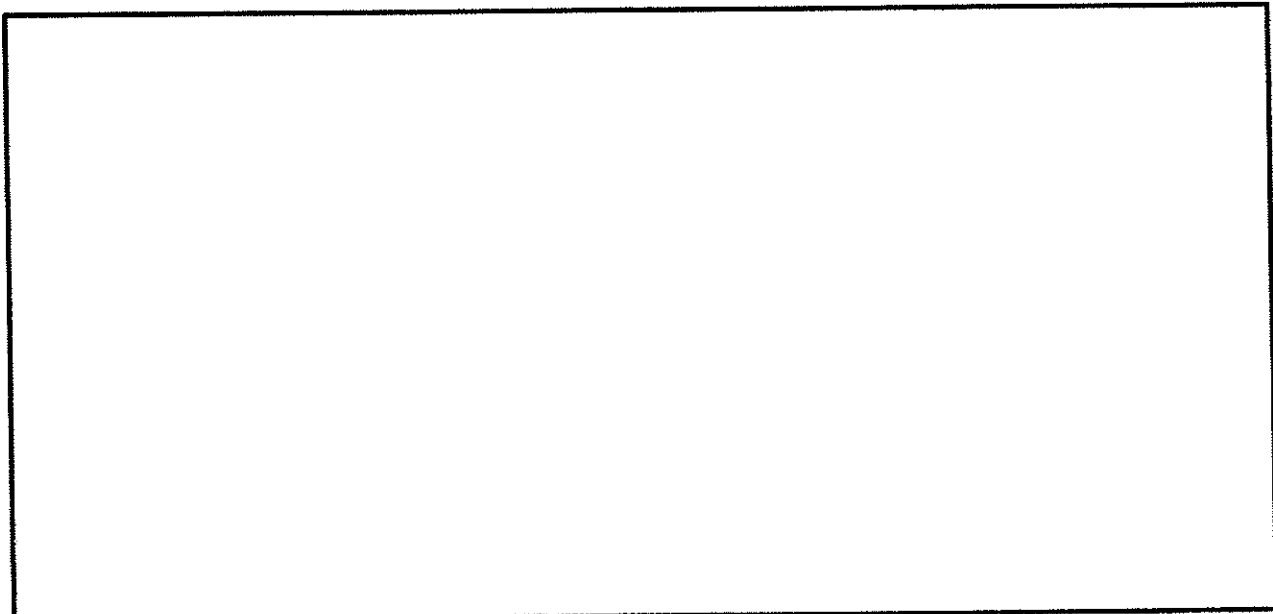
Use your first draft brainstorm to fill in the setting details on the lines provided. Then, draw or add a printed picture that represents a significant setting from your book. You may want to add labels to take your illustration to the next level. Finally, cut out the setting shape and glue it inside your project folder - right side, top.

SETTING

WHERE does the scene take place?

LIST details/adjectives to describe the scene.

WHEN does this scene occur in the book?



Use your first draft brainstorm to fill in the theme details below. Then, cut out the theme shape and glue it inside your project folder - right side, bottom.

What are the main things that happened in the book?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What do these events teach the reader about life?

What is the author's message or theme?

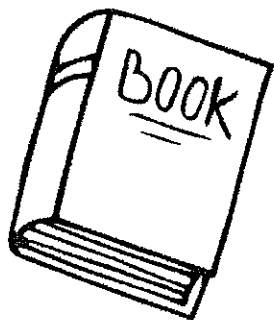
THEME

Write you're a final copy of your personal review below. Then, cut out the shape.
Finally, glue the shape to the back of the folder along the TOP.

REVIEW

A large rectangular area with a black vertical bar on the left containing the word "REVIEW" in white, and a series of horizontal lines for writing. Dashed lines indicate where to cut out the shape.

Use the listing of books by the same author that you compiled in your FIRST DRAFT to fill in the shape below. Include books by the same author. Then, cut out the shape. Finally, glue the shape to the back of the folder under your REVIEW.



OTHER BOOKS