

**Mountview Middle School  
Summer Reading Program  
Optional Note-taking Sheet - Fiction**



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entering Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** In September, students will be asked to share, both orally and in writing, their favorite book that they read this summer. Although no written assignment is required to be passed in at the beginning of the school year, we are providing note taking sheets for both fiction and non-fiction books that students may find helpful to keep track of their reading. Upon their return to school, students will have a brief assignment where they will share their favorite book, and they will be asked to include direct quotations. Therefore, it is advised that students have access to the text or fill in the note taking sheets if this is not an option. **(You may make a copy of this document and type directly into it, or you may print it off and handwrite the information on white lined paper.)**

**Title:**

**Author:**

**Genre:**

(This could be realistic fiction, fantasy, historical fiction, etc.)

**Be sure to answer in complete, detailed sentences.**

1. Why did you choose to read this book? What caught your attention?

2. Describe the main **setting** of the book. Include both the time period and the physical location.

3. Name and describe the main **character(s)**.

4. What is the **main conflict** (or problem)? What is the obstacle the main character must overcome?

5. **Short and Sweet Summary:** The plot of a story is its basic storyline. In no more than two paragraphs, explain the plot of the story. Be sure to include what gets the story started at the beginning, important events that move the story along, the turning point, which is when things change for the better or worse, and how the author brings the story to a conclusion.

6. Find at least two pieces of **textual evidence/quotes** that you found to be powerful, thought-provoking, or critical to what was happening in the story. Record them in the table below.

Page Number	Textual evidence/important quotes from the story

7. For your favorite quote that you listed above, explain why you chose this particular quote. (Include a specific detail from the story in your explanation.)

8. What theme(s) were presented in this book? (A theme is a central idea or "message," the author wants the reader to take away from the book. The author does not come right out and state the theme; the reader must infer it based on the plot and characters' words and actions.)

9. To whom would you recommend this book? (Pick a group of people who like....(the topic), not a specific person. For example, *I recommend this book to people who love learning about U.S. history because this book takes place during a very turbulent time in our history, the Civil War.*)

10. How would you rate this book? Include your overall experience reading this book. (Was it challenging, engaging, suspenseful, surprising...?)

