

The Love Story

(The main character is faced with challenges and struggles while striving to understand his or her feelings of love for another.)



If you enjoyed these books -

The Demon King (Cinda Williams Chima)
Romiette and Julio (Sharon Draper)
Scribbler of Dreams (Mary Pearson)
Son of the Mob (Gordon Korman)
Tuck Everlasting (Natalie Babbitt)
Twilight (Stephenie Meyer)
The Witch of Blackbird Pond (Elizabeth Speare)

Select a book from this list to read -

Anna Karenina (Leo Tolstoy)
Anne of Green Gables (L.M. Montgomery)
Dracula (Bram Stoker)
Doctor Zhivago (Boris Pasternak)
Don Quixote (Miguel de Cervantes)
Far From the Madding Crowd (Thomas Hardy)
Gone With the Wind (Margaret Mitchell)
The Great Gatsby (F. Scott Fitzgerald)
Jane Eyre (Charlotte Brontë)
Les Miserables (Victor Hugo)
Little Women (Louisa May Alcott)
Pride and Prejudice (Jane Austen)
Sense and Sensibility (Jane Austen)
Tess of the d'Urbervilles (Thomas Hardy)
Wuthering Heights (Charlotte Brontë)

Summer Reading Book Talk

Name _____

(Directions: Complete the script below. You will use it to record your book talk.)

I read the book _____
(title of book)
written by _____
(author)

The setting of my book is _____
(place)

and it takes place during _____
(time)

This book is about _____

(Provide an objective summary of four to six sentences. Be sure to include a description of the central conflict and its resolution.)

The main character in the book is _____
(name of main character)

An important character trait this person demonstrates is _____
(character trait)

because _____
(Explain how the trait is demonstrated by the character.)

An important lesson this character learns or important change this character undergoes during the story is _____

The theme of this book is _____
(State the theme of the story in one complete sentence.)

This theme is demonstrated in the story when _____

A meaningful passage from the book is "_____"
(Copy an important sentence from the book.)

This passage is important to the theme because _____
(Explain how it supports, relates, or reveals the theme.)

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English I Honors Summer Reading

Each student in English I Honors is expected to read a classic book for summer reading. In this brochure there are sixty classic titles listed. Those titles are categorized into different themes. Using the themes as a guide, select a classic title from the theme that most interests you. When you have finished reading the book, complete the Book Talk Script and turn it in when you return to school in August.

<http://gmssummerreading.weebly.com>

(This website contains everything needed to complete the summer reading assignment.)



As with any assigned reading, if you find anything objectionable about a selection, abandon that book and choose another.

From Hinton to Hamlet by Hertz and Gallo was used as the basis for the summer reading assignment.

The Test

(In the transition from one stage of life to another, the main character experiences a rite of passage through growth and change; he or she experiences a transformation.)



If you enjoyed these books -

Bridge to Terabithia (Katherine Paterson)
Heart of a Shepherd (Roseanne Parry)
Mockingbird (Kathryn Erskine)
The Potato Chip Puzzles (Eric Berlin)
Shift (Jennifer Bradbury)
Skeleton Creek (Patrick Carman)
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (Betty Smith)

Select a book from this list to read -

1984 (George Orwell)
A Brave New World (Aldous Huxley)
Animal Farm (George Orwell)
The Catcher in the Rye (JD Salinger)
Emma (Jane Austen)
Ethan Frome (Edith Wharton)
Fellowship of the Ring (J.R.R. Tolkien)
Frankenstein (Mary Shelley)
The Good Earth (Pearl Buck)
Great Expectations (Charles Dickens)
To Kill a Mockingbird (Harper Lee)
Lord of the Flies (William Golding)
A Member of the Wedding (Carson McCullers)
The Scarlet Letter (Nathaniel Hawthorne)
The Sound and the Fury (William Faulkner)

The Journey

(The protagonist takes a journey, usually physical but sometimes emotional, during which he or she learns something about himself or herself or finds meaning in his or her life, as well as acceptance in a community.)



If you enjoyed these books -

Because of Winn Dixie (Kate DiCamillo)
Bud, Not Buddy (Christopher Curtis)
The Chronicles of Narnia (C.S. Lewis)
Esperanza Rising (Pam Ryan)
The Indigo Notebook (Laura Resau)
Schooled (Gordon Korman)
Touching Spirit Bear (Ben Mikaelson)

Select a book from this list to read -

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (Mark Twain)
The Call of the Wild (Jack London)
Crime and Punishment (Fyodor Dostoyevsky)
David Copperfield (Charles Dickens)
The Grapes of Wrath (John Steinbeck)
Gulliver's Travels (Jonathan Swift)
The Hobbit (J.R.R. Tolkien)
Of Mice and Men (John Steinbeck)
Moby Dick (Herman Melville)
The Old Man and the Sea (Ernest Hemingway)
Robinson Crusoe (Daniel Defoe)
Silas Marner (George Eliot)
A Tale of Two Cities (Charles Dickens)
Treasure Island (Robert Louis Stevenson)
War and Peace (Leo Tolstoy)

The Hero

(The main character leaves his or her community to go on an adventure, performing deeds that bring honor to the community.)



If you enjoyed these books -

Divergent (Veronica Roth)
Gorillas in the Mist (Dian Fossey)
The Hunger Games (Suzanne Collins)
Operation Redwood (Susannah French)
Peeled (Joan Bauer)
The Redheaded Princess (Ann Rinaldi)
Scat (Carl Hiaasen)

Select a book from this list to read -

All Quiet on the Western Front (Erich Remarque)
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (Arthur Doyle)
The Count of Monte Cristo (Alexandre Dumas)
The Hunchback of Notre Dame (Victor Hugo)
The Last of the Mohicans (James Fenimore Cooper)
Oliver Twist (Charles Dickens)
The Phantom of the Opera (Gaston Leroux)
The Red Badge of Courage (Stephen Crane)
Robin Hood (Stephen Lawhead)
Scarlet Pimpernel (Emma Orczy)
The Sun Also Rises (Ernest Hemingway)
The Three Musketeers (Alexandre Dumas)
The Time Machine (H.G. Wells)
Tom Sawyer (Mark Twain)
War of the Worlds (H.G. Wells)