

Summer Reading Assignment for Rising 8th Graders

Dear Students and Parents,

The key to being a lifelong learner is to be a reader. Many studies have shown that students who read in the summer do not lose ground academically the next year. All LPS 8th graders will be reading *April Morning* by Howard Fast. The first project of the year will be based on the book, and you may have writing assignments and discussions over it. The attached summer reading organizer needs to be filled out to turn in the first day of school. In addition, we would like to see everyone read at least one other book (and hopefully more) “dessert” books for fun! Come back “Word Richer” in the fall!

SUMMER READING ORGANIZER (FICTION)

Name: _____

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

How does the title match the contents of the book?	
What is the genre of the book?	
What is the point of view (who is telling the story?)	

What is the story's setting (the time period and place)?

Briefly describe major events in the story (between 5 and 10):

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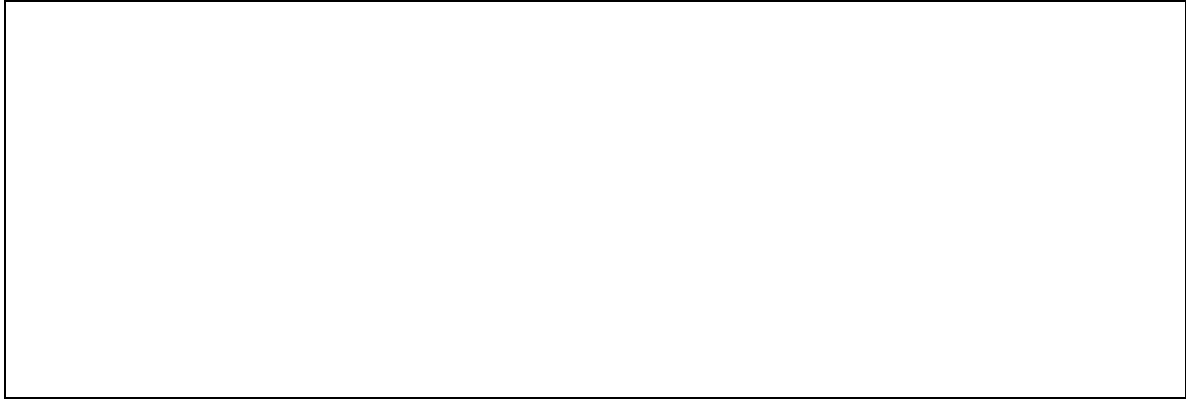
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What is the main conflict (problem) of the story?

The Conclusion or Resolution - Are the conflicts (problems) resolved? Explain:

List 1 or 2 major themes or life lessons from the story:



Describe your personal reactions and questions you have as a result of reading the book (describe at least 2):



Book Rating - Circle the number of stars you give this book (five being the highest) and describe the reason for your rating in the textbox below.

