

Hickory Christian Academy Rising 6th-7th Grade Reading List & Assignment

Students are to read a book from their grade level, or one grade level above, and then complete the appropriate book report form. The book selected should be one that the student can read independently or with little assistance from parents. Please be sure to select a novel that the student has not previously read. *The school library will be open until June 1st.* **The book report form is due on the first day of school.**

Rising 6th Graders

1. *Summer of the Swans*, Byars
2. *The Pushcart Wars*, Merrill
3. *The Incredible Journey*, Burnford
4. *Holes*, Sachar
5. *Brian's Winter*, Paulsen
6. *Little Women*, Alcott
7. *Bridge to Terabithia*, Paterson
8. *I Am David*, Holm
9. Any from G.A. Hentry's series- varies
10. Any from Janette Oke's *Classics for Girls*

Rising 7th Graders

1. *The Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, Avi
2. *Out of the Dust*, Hesse
3. *A Wrinkle in Time*, L'Engle
4. *Watership Down*, Adams
5. *Bud, Not Buddy*, Curtis
6. *Where the Lilies Bloom*, Cleaver
7. *The Cat of Bubastes*, Henty
8. *Diary of Anne Frank*, Frank
9. *The Slave Dancer*, Fox
10. *Rifles for Watie*, Keith
11. Any from *Redwall* series, Jacques
12. *Treasure Island*, Stephenson
13. *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*, Taylor
14. Any from *Lord of the Rings*, Tolkein

Reading Activities

Please complete the following activities after reading your chosen book. These activities will be turned in on the first day of school.

Please choose 2 activities:

1. VOCABULARY:

Please find 5 vocabulary words within your reading that you're not already familiar with. On a loose leaf sheet of paper, write out the 5 vocabulary words along with their definition. Underneath each definition, please use the vocabulary word within a sentence that you create. Your sentence should indicate your new understanding of the word.

2. Characters:

Please choose one character from your reading that you found the most interesting. Write one paragraph about this character. This paragraph should be 5-7 sentences. Please include a good topic and conclusion sentence. Within your paragraph, you should summarize the internal traits that your character displayed throughout the novel. Example: How did your character change? What struggles did he/she face? Were his actions Christ-like? Is he worthy of emulating? What would you change about this character?

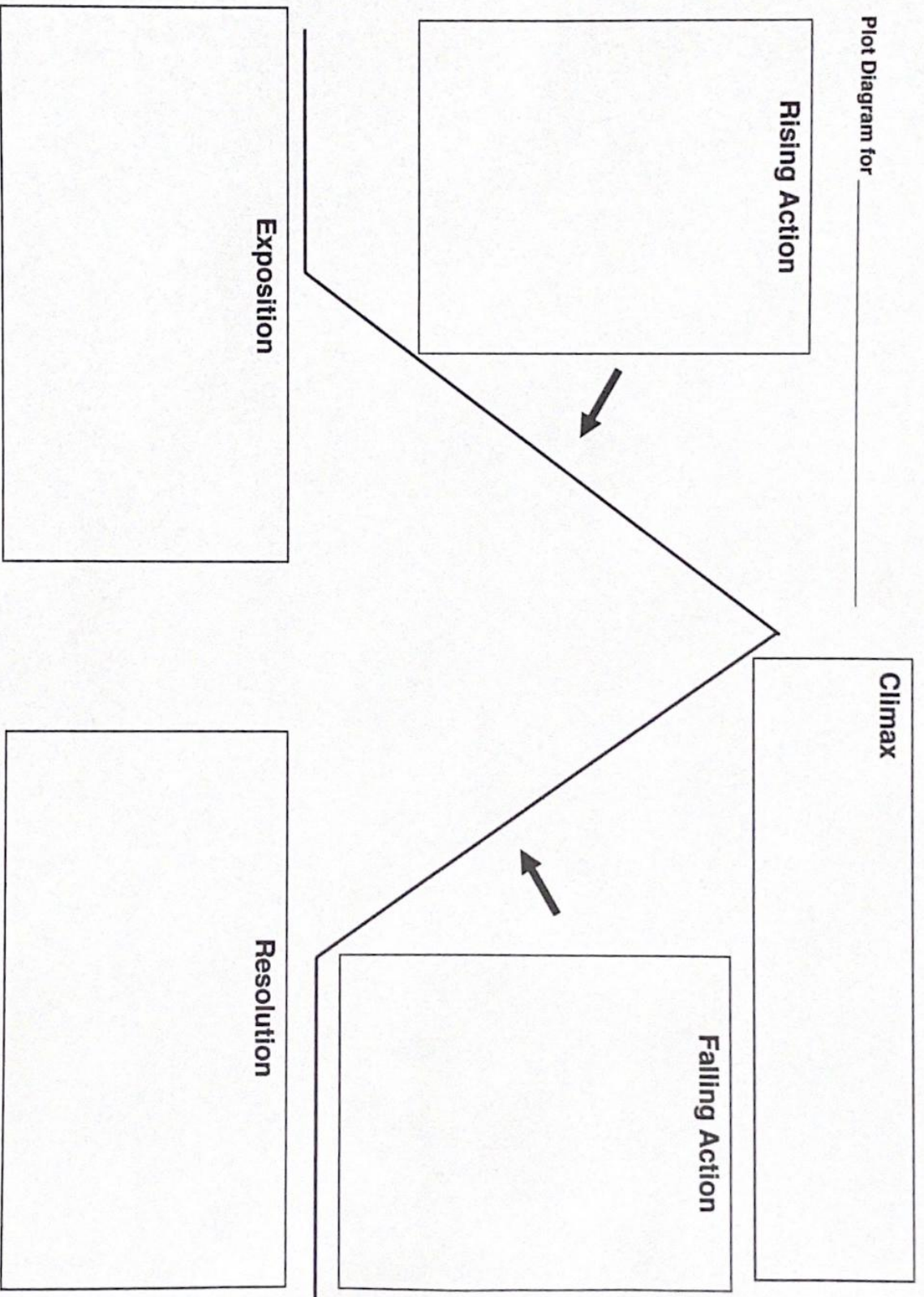
3. Plot diagram

Please complete the accompanying plot diagram found below. Answer using complete sentences and detailed answers.

4. Theme (Answer in paragraph form. 5-7 sentences)

The *theme* of a story is the message or lesson that the author hopes to teach his readers. What do you think was the theme of your novel? How can you apply this lesson to your life?

Plot Diagram for _____



Rising Action

Climax

Falling Action

Exposition

Resolution

Name _____