

Hickory Christian Academy Rising 6th Grade Reading List & Assignment

Students are to read one book from the list below and complete two activities of their choice, from the options below. The book selected should be one that the student can read independently, and one that the student has not previously read. **This assignment is due on the first day of school.**

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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*

Reading Activities

Please choose 2 of 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. 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?

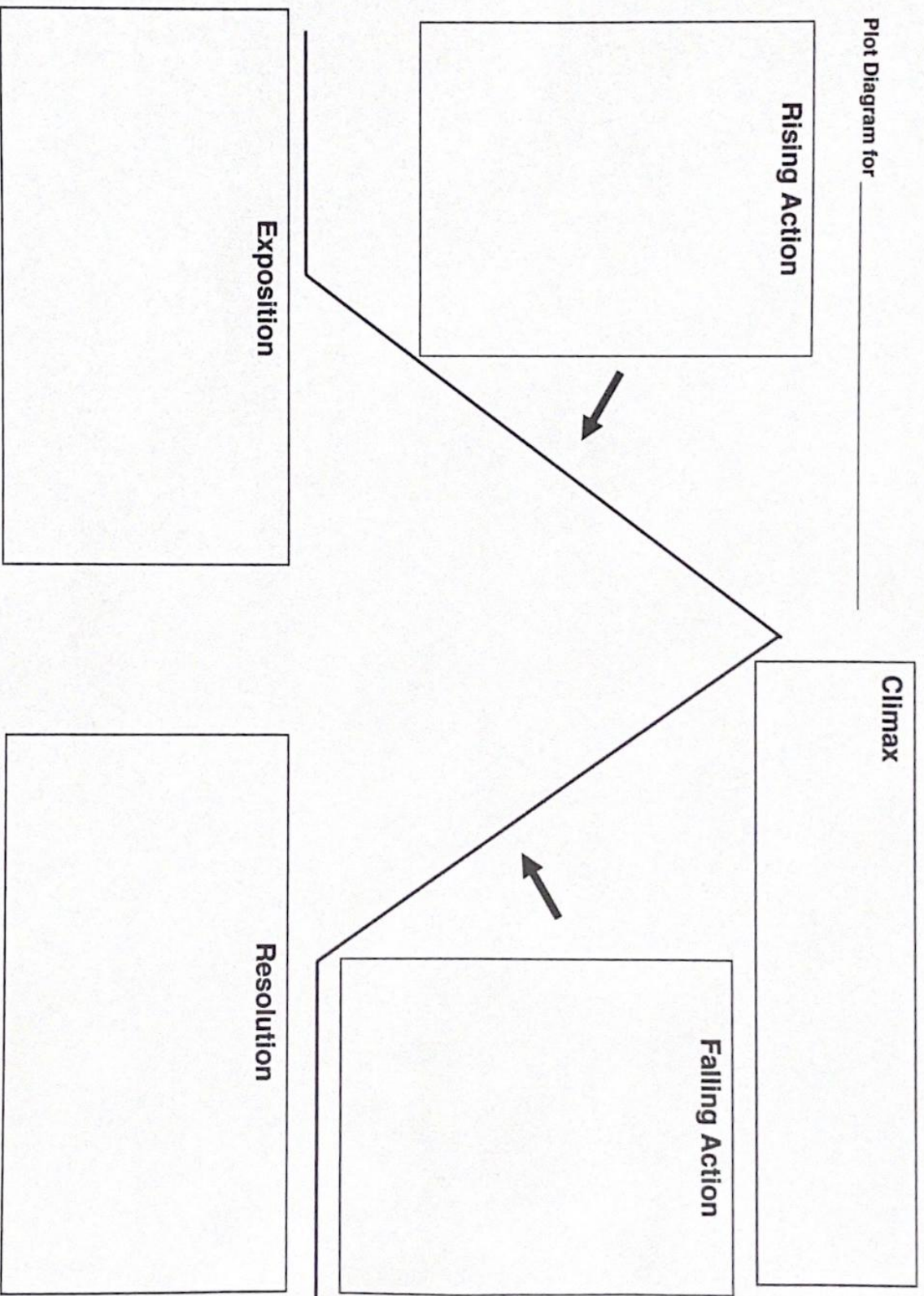
2. Plot diagram

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

3. 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 _____



Name _____