Students entering all grade levels of Rippowam Middle School will be required to read TWO books during the summer months, one fiction (narrative) and one nonfiction or informational text. For each book read, students must complete a graphic organizer and response questions. These will count as extra-credit assignments for Quarter 1.

**ALL PAPERS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 4, 2015.**

**Assignment Instructions:** Read a narrative text (fiction story) and an informational text about a subject of your choice. Then, complete the graphic organizers for both books. You may take notes, create post-its, write summaries, etc. in addition to the graphic organizer.

- **Narrative Texts** tell a story, usually in chronological order, about a specific event(s). The purpose of narrative literature is to entertain the reader through the characters, setting, and plot. Narrative texts genres include realistic fiction, science fiction, horror stories, adventure stories, fables, myths and legends, and historical narratives.

- **Informational Texts** are nonfiction texts with the primary propose of informing the reader about the natural or social world. Informational texts can be found about almost any subject – science, sports, people, careers, historical events, etc.

- For book lists and ideas for selections, go to...
  - [http://www.nutmegaward.org](http://www.nutmegaward.org)
  - [http://www.fergusonlibrary.org/kids/good-reads/booklists](http://www.fergusonlibrary.org/kids/good-reads/booklists)
  - [http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklistsbook](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklistsbook)

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First and Last Name__________________________________________________________(please print)

1. Title and Author book: ________________________________________________________________

2. List the main characters:
   • ___________________________________________________________
   • ___________________________________________________________
   • ___________________________________________________________
   • ___________________________________________________________
   • ___________________________________________________________

3. Setting (time/place): ________________________________________________________________

4. Conflict (main problem in the story): ___________________________________________________

5. **Plot Summary**: (choose the five most important events that take place):
   • ___________________________________________________________
   • ___________________________________________________________
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6. **Response question**: If you could ask the main character one question, what would it be and why? Make sure you include examples from the story to explain your answer.
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First and Last Name (please print)

1. Title and Author of book: ________________________________

2. Topic (who or what is this book about): ________________________________

3. Facts (explain five important details):
   a. ____________________________________________________________
      ____________________________________________________________
   b. ____________________________________________________________
      ____________________________________________________________
   c. ____________________________________________________________
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   d. ____________________________________________________________
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   e. ____________________________________________________________

4. What do you think the author’s purpose was for writing this book? What did he/she want the readers to learn?
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5. Would you recommend this book to other students? Why or why not?
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