Read to Succeed

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Summer is quickly approaching and everyone is making plans. Plans will be made for vacations, summer camps, and quality time spent with family. Now is the time to make a plan for reading. This summer all incoming sixth grade students will complete a summer reading assignment.

As students progress through school, reading becomes more complex and more difficult. Research has consistently documented the importance of summer reading. Students who read recreationally during the summer have success when the new school year begins. Studies show that students who do not read during the summer show a significant loss over the summer break. The purpose of summer reading is to encourage students to recreationally read over the summer to prevent reading loss and boost student achievement.

We are asking that your student do the following over the summer:

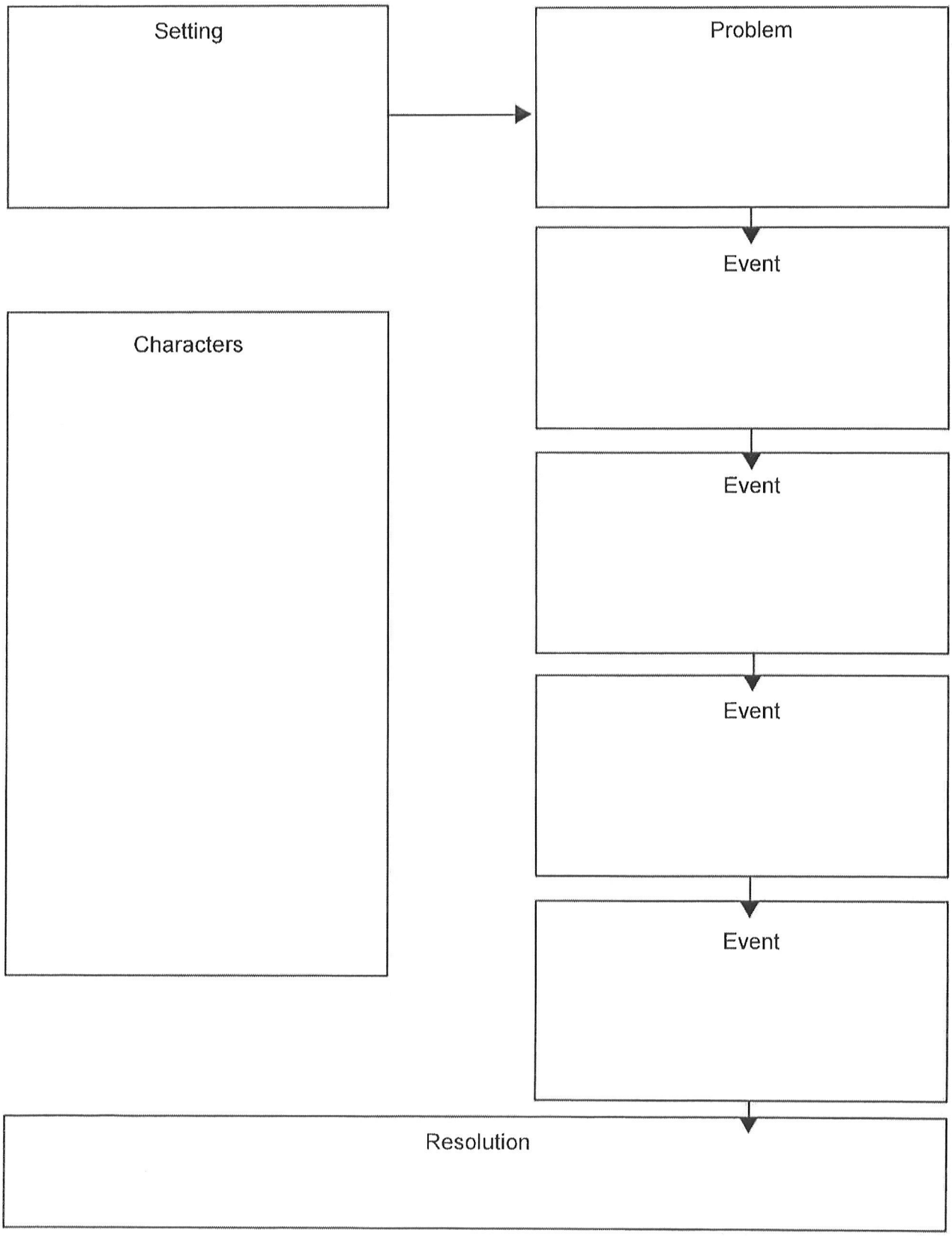
- Read a fiction novel of your choosing (all genres of fiction are acceptable).
- Complete the graphic organizer found on the reverse side of your novel choice.
- Turn in the assignment when we return to school. Assignments will be due Tuesday, September 8th to be counted as the first grade of the marking period.

Thank you for supporting your student's education through the summer reading program.

Sincerely,
The 6th Grade Language Arts Team

STORY MAP

TITLE _____



Graphic Organizer 8 – FICTION SELECTIONS

Story Map Rubric

Criteria	4	3	2	1
Story Map	All required elements are filled in completely; **main details are specific and have enough description for clarity**.	All required elements are filled in completely; **main details are mostly specific and have some description.**	Some elements are complete; **details are missing and are not specific.**	Elements are incomplete; **details are missing and are not specific.**
Story Box	Eight boxes are completed; complete sentences are used throughout.	Seven boxes are complete OR an incomplete sentence describes contents.	Six boxes are completed and/or content description is missing.	Fewer than six boxes are complete and/or much content description is missing.
Spelling/ Mechanics	There are no mistakes in grammar / spelling.	There are one or two grammar and/or spelling mistakes.	There are three or four grammar and/ or spelling mistakes.	There are numerous mistakes in grammar and/or spelling.

Grading Scale: A = 11-12 B = 9-10 C = 7-8 D = 5-6 F = 0-4

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Incoming 6th Grade Fiction Summer Reading List
2015-2016

This is a suggested summer reading list to be read in addition to any class summer assignments.

Title	Author	Description	Genre	Level
The London Eye Mystery	Siobhan Dowd	When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together --Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.	Mystery	640L
The False Prince	Jennifer Nielson	In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.	Fantasy	710L
How Lamar's Bad Prank Won a Bubba-Sized Trophy	Crystal Allen	When thirteen-year-old, bowling-obsessed Lamar Washington finds out that his idol is coming to town, he finds himself involved in some unsavory activities as he tries to change his image to impress people.	Realistic	550L
Camo Girl	Kekla Magoon	Ella has always been friends with a boy known as Z, despite his reputation as the weird kid, but when a new boy, Bailey, moves to town and befriends Ella because they are the only two African American students in the class, she must choose between the popularity Bailey will bring to her life and her lifelong friendship with Z.	Realistic	600L

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Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time	Lisa Yee	After flunking sixth-grade English, basketball prodigy Stanford Wong must struggle to pass his summer-school class, keep his failure a secret from his friends, and satisfy his academically demanding father.	Sports	650L
Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Chris Grabenstein	Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.	Adventure	720L
Sidekicks	Jack Ferraiolo	Scott Hutchinson, aka Bright Boy, the sidekick of Phantom Justice, begins to question how long he can remain in the shadow of the superhero after discovering that his nemesis, super-villain sidekick Monkeywrench, might be one of the most popular kids at his school.	Science Fiction	620L
Revenge of the Shadow King	Derek Benz and J.S. Lewis	When Max Sumner and three friends play a magical card game called Round Table, they realize that it is up to them to prevent the wicked creatures of the cards from destroying their town, indeed, their world.	Fantasy	860L
Archvillain	Barry Lyga	Twelve-year-old Kyle Camden develops greater mental agility and superpowers during a plasma storm that also brings Mighty Mike, an alien, to the town of Bouring, but while each does what he thinks	Science Fiction	740L

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Chomp	Carl Hiaasen	The difficult star of the reality television show, "Expedition Survival," disappears on location in the Florida Everglades, where they were filming animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane's family, and Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him, but they must avoid Tuna's gun-happy father.	Adventure	800L
The Boy on the Porch	Sharon Creech	One day a young couple wakes to find a boy asleep on their porch. Unable to speak, the boy cannot explain his history. All John and Marta know is that they have been chosen to care for this boy. As their connection to him grows, they embrace his exuberant spirit and talents. The three of them blossom into an unlikely family, but how long can their happiness last?	Realistic	680L
The Great Greene Heist	Varian Johnson	Jackson Greene has a reputation as a prankster at Maplewood Middle School, but after the last disaster he is trying to go straight--but when it looks like Keith Sinclair may steal the election for school president from Jackson's former best friend Gabriela, he assembles a team to make sure Keith does not succeed.	Realistic	660L
The Secret Language of Girls	Frances O'Rourke Dowell	Marylin and Kate have been friends since nursery school, but when Marylin becomes	Realistic	870L

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Closed for the Season	Mary Downing Hahn	When thirteen-year-old Logan and his family move into a run-down old house in rural Virginia, he discovers that a woman was murdered there and becomes involved with his neighbor Arthur in a dangerous investigation to try to uncover the killer.	Mystery	670L

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