

## Grades 5-6

**Reading Requirement:** Read any ONE fiction book. Parents, please review your child's book selection to determine the appropriateness of his or her choice for grade and/or reading level. Focus on the Family provides a book review service for parents that might be helpful, at [www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews](http://www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews).

A book summary report is due on Orientation Day, on September 1, 2017. Please use the template below to include the required information.

### Fiction Book Summary Report Template:

Paragraph 1- Write about the setting, (where the story takes place, usually time and place). Introduce the main character or characters in the story. For example, what are character's qualities, name, etc. Discuss what conflict/problem the main character faces in the story. If you're still having trouble starting, you can answer the questions who, what, when, where, and how.

Paragraph 2- Summarize what happens up until the high point of the story, (don't give away the ending, this should be just enough to tease the reader into wanting to get this book. Use some of these transition words to help you write your review:

first	also	because	another
second	between	next	as a result
third	finally	then	later
last	after that	for example	during

Paragraph 3 - Opinion: Write a paragraph giving your opinion on the book. Use these guidelines. Write about why you like or dislike the book. Give details, for example: Was the book confusing? Was it too easy to read or too hard? Was it predictable/believable? Did you like the ending? What was your favorite part? What connections did you make with your life or other books? Talk about the author's style of writing and give examples from the book. Minimum of five sentences.

Paragraph 4 - Recommendation: Explain whether you would recommend this book to student or not? Rate the book from 1 star to 5 stars, and give examples why you gave it the rating you did. Examples should include a quote or quotes from the book or a summary of the part of the book that you liked or did not like.