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**Moorhead Junior High 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**2019-2020 Summer Reading Assignment**

*In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become lifelong learners.*

**Directions:** Students need to choose one novel to read from the 2017 or 2018 Texas Lone Star Reading List available at <http://www.txla.org/groups/lone-star>. Many of these novels are available to borrow at the Montgomery County Library (just be sure to place a hold early in the summer, as many of these books are quite popular), or you may purchase the novel that you and your student select. They will then complete the assignment below, which will count as a major grade, using the book of their choice.

**DUE DATE:** The summer reading assignment must be turned in between Wednesday, August 14 and Friday, August 23. If you did not attend Moorhead JH last year, you have until Tuesday, August 30, to turn your in.

**Book Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VOCABULARY TO KNOW:**

Use the following definitions to effectively fill in the stems.

**For Question 1:**

Setting- the time (this could be the month, year, season, general time period, etc.) and place (choose one that affects what happens to the characters in the event you chose).

**For Question 2:**

Tone- how the speaker sounds (sarcastic, frustrated, joyous, hopeful, etc.)

Mood- how the reader feels (optimistic, anxious, frightened, uneasy, cheerful, excited, etc.)

**\*\*Note that the tone and mood may or may not be the same.\*\***

**For Question 3:**

Figurative language- language that is not meant to be taken literally. Types include similes, metaphors, hyperbole, idioms, and personification. **\*\*Note that onomatopoeia and alliteration ARE NOT figurative language.\*\***

**For Question 4:**

Protagonist- the main character

Personality trait- a word that describes who they are as a person (loyal, brave, pessimistic, etc.)

**\*\*Note that this is *NOT* their feelings/emotions, talents, or physical appearance.\*\*** Indirect characterization- when an author uses a character's actions to show who they are without directly stating it. (example: Katniss volunteering as tribute indirectly shows that she is brave without saying, "Katniss is brave.")

**For Question 5:**

Theme- an important message, lesson, and/or moral of the story that the author is trying to convey.





