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English 3 Summer Reading Assignment

Directions: Utilize your Summer Reading Novel to complete each section of the study guide accurately. **If you need additional space, utilize a separate piece of paper.**

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Reading Journal

In the chart below, take notes on the guiding questions as you read the novel and then answer the question once you have completed the novel. You should have a minimum of 10 bullet points in the “during reading” column and your entry into the “after reading” should be in full sentences. You will use your notes to complete the essay organizer in the packet.

During Reading		After Reading	
What important idea or theme does this literary work convey?			
What do characters do that helps illustrate this idea?			

What events take place in the work that help to illustrate this idea?

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**Are there any recurrent images or clusters of images?
Do these images support the idea or theme that you find in the work?**

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Are there any conflicts between characters or that the main character internally struggles with that illustrate this idea?

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Summer Reading Theme Essay Graphic Organizer

The theme of a literary work is its underlying central idea, or the generalization it communicates about life. As you read, think about the comment the author is making about his subject matter. What revelation about the behavior of human beings or the conduct of society, or insight into the human condition is the author attempting to convey throughout the novel? At times, the author's theme may not confirm or agree with your own beliefs, but even then, if it is skillfully written, the work will still have a theme that illuminates some aspects of true human experience.

Using your reading notes from the novel, write a well-organized essay that identifies the theme you believe the author conveys through the novel. How does the author use characters, events and literary devices to illustrate the theme? Use evidence from the text to support your analysis.

Your essay must:

- Be typed and in MLA Format
- Must be a minimum of 5 paragraphs.
- Must include direct evidence from the text with proper in-text citations.