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Dear SAA Families,

I cannot believe that we have finished our 6th year!!! It has been another fantastic year, full of learning and reading! As summer nears, I know that we are all looking forward to a summer break that is full of possibilities, especially the possibilities that books provide us. This packet includes our guidelines for summer reading at SAA, and some resources that will help you and your children enjoy a summer full of reading fun and adventure.

What is the purpose of summer reading? At SAA, we want to help our students prevent the summer slide. The summer slide is defined as the loss of academic skills over the summer break. Experts agree that students who read during the summer maintain or gain reading skills, but those who do not, lose those skills. We also want our students to strengthen the behaviors and habits of lifelong reading, to pursue interests, and to find enjoyment in reading.

All returning students, and incoming 1st through 8th grade students, are required to read two books over the summer and to complete a project on one of the books read. The lists of acceptable projects for each grade level are attached to this letter. The project should be completed according to the grade your child will be for the 2019-2020 school year. Each student will present his/her project during Language Arts the first week of school. After your child has presented the project, the Language Arts teacher will give out a ticket. On Friday, during lunch, students will come to the main office with their ticket to get a special treat.

This year's summer reading theme is "A Universe of Stories". Corresponding to the 50th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing, this spacey theme is sure to appeal to patrons of all ages! This is also inspired by illustrator, Leeza Hernandez. Sarasota County Libraries are an amazing asset to our community. Please check out their website, <http://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries>, to discover all of the cool things our library system has to offer! Barnes and Noble is being very generous again this summer. Attached, you will find a Barnes & Noble reading log. Fill out the reading log with eight books read over the summer and receive a free book!

While we do not have a set reading list, students must read a book that is on their reading level and appropriate for their age. There are so many books out there and it can be difficult to pick a "just right" book or one that is interesting to your child. Sarasota County Public Libraries are also a great place to go to discover books that your child will enjoy. The librarians love to guide people to books that they will find interesting. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Have a safe and healthy summer full of reading fun!

Sincerely,

Mikayla McDonald
Reading Specialist

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE

- **Movie Poster:** Pretend the book is going to be made into a movie and create a poster to promote the movie.
- **Compare and Contrast:** Compare and Contrast the book to the movie (if there is a movie) OR to the other book that you read this summer using the attached Venn Diagram. Write a paragraph explaining which you liked best and why.
- **Dress Up:** Dress as one of the characters and come prepared to role play the character in front of class so we can ask you questions about the story.
- **Draw a Scene:** Choose your favorite scene from the book and draw it. Be able to explain to your teacher what is happening in your picture.
- **Puppets:** Create a puppet for each character and present a 1 - 2 minute puppet show about your book. Present it live or on video for the class. You can use others to help you. Write a paragraph explaining how your script relates to the novel.

4TH AND 5TH GRADE READING PROJECT

- **Perspective:** Retell a scene in the book from a different character's point of view. Do it as a written piece, but be ready to read it to your teacher as well.
- **Model It:** Build a miniature stage setting or diorama of a scene in the book. Include a written explanation of the scene.
- **Write a Sequel:** Write the first chapter or two for a sequel. Outline what would happen in the rest of book.
- **Compare and Contrast:** Compare and Contrast the book to the movie (if there is a movie) OR to the other book that you read this summer using the attached Venn Diagram. Write a paragraph explaining which you liked best and why.
- **Book to Movie:** Suddenly the book has become a best seller! Create a movie poster complete with actors you have chosen for each part. On the back of your poster, do a write up of each character (telling something about them) and why you chose the actor you did for each part. (This is a characterization assignment more than an artwork, so spend more time on the characters than your drawing. It's more important.)
- **Conflict Dissection:** Use the attached graphic organizer and tell who the main characters are, the setting, the conflict, and the solution of your book.
- **Comic Strip:** Use the attached template and take a scene from your book, and turn it into a comic strip. Please be sure to include enough written dialogue between characters so the reader knows exactly what is going on. If you need to do one longer than six boxes, feel free to print two! (Template available.)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **Comic Book:** Write a comic book version of your book. Use 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Create the book on the full page or folded in half. Comics should be colored. (You can use the attached graphic organizer for this if you wish.)
- **Compare and Contrast:** Compare and Contrast the book to the movie (if there is a movie) OR to the other book that you read this summer using the attached Venn Diagram. Write a paragraph explaining which you liked best and why.
- **Conflict Dissection:** Use the attached graphic organizer and tell who the main characters are, the setting, the conflict, and the solution of your book.
- **Reading VLOG:** After finishing the novel, record a video of your thoughts and feelings about the book. Include a short synopsis of the book (include the main characters) and whether or not you would recommend this book to your peers. The video should be approximately 3 minutes long.
- **Playwrite:** Read the same book with a friend. Rewrite a chapter in your book as a play and perform it with your friend for class.
- **Amazon Listing Novel Project:** Use the attached graphic organizer and create an Amazon Listing for your book. Do it in the same format as the example. You will have to have some computer skills to do this one!
- **Plot Graph:** Use the attached plot graph to plot the main points for your book. You will also have to identify the climax, conflict, and resolution for this project.

BARNES & NOBLE

Summer Reading Journal

This summer, earn a free book through the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program for kids in Grades 1-6.

SIMPLY FOLLOW THESE THREE EASY STEPS:

1. Read any eight books this summer and record them in this Summer Reading Journal. Tell us which part of the book is your favorite, and why.
2. Bring your completed journal to a Barnes & Noble store between August 1st and August 31st, 2019.
3. Choose your free reading adventure from the books listed below.

GRADES 1 & 2

Malala: My Story of Standing Up for Girls' Rights	by Malala Yousafzai
The Mount Rushmore Calamity (Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures Series #1)	by Sara Pennypacker
Amelia Bedelia Means Business (Amelia Bedelia Chapter Book Series #1)	by Herman Parish
Pete the Cat and the Cool Caterpillar	by James Dean
Disney Junior Fancy Nancy: Chez Nancy	by Nancy Parent
The Princess in Black	by Shannon Hale & Dean Hale
Jorge el curioso: De basura a tesoro (Bilingual)	by H. A. Rey
Purrmaids #1: The Scaredy Cat	by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen
Sunbeam's Shine (Unicorn Princesses #1)	by Emily Bliss

GRADES 3 & 4

Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life	by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts
CatStronauts: Mission Moon	by Drew Brockington
Mistakes Were Made (Timmy Failure Series #1)	by Stephan Pastis
My FANGtastically Evil Vampire Pet	by Mo O'Hara
The Super Life of Ben Braver	by Marcus Emerson
Drew Pendous and the Camp Color War (Drew Pendous #1)	by David Lewman (Adapted by)
Drew Pendous Travels to Ancient Egypt (Drew Pendous #2)	by David Lewman (Adapted by)
Classic Starts: The Swiss Family Robinson	by Johann David Wyss, Chris Tait (Adapted by)
Judy Moody (Judy Moody Series #1)	by Megan McDonald
Judy Moody está de mal humor, de muy mal humor (Judy Moody)	by Megan McDonald

GRADES 5 & 6

The Last (Endling Series #1)	by Katherine Applegate
Friendship List #1: 11 Before 12	by Lisa Greenwald
James and the Giant Peach	by Roald Dahl
Treasure Hunters (Treasure Hunters Series #1)	by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein
Because of Winn-Dixie	by Kate DiCamillo
Ellie's Story: A Dog's Purpose Puppy Tale	by W. Bruce Cameron
The Race to Space: Countdown to Liftoff (Epic Fails #2)	by Erik Slader and Ben Thompson
Aru Shah and the End of Time (Pandava Series #1)	by Roshani Chokshi
Disney after Dark (Kingdom Keepers Series #1)	by Ridley Pearson
The Unicorn Quest	by Kamilla Benko

THIS SUMMER READING JOURNAL BELONGS TO:

STUDENT NAME

SCHOOL

GRADE

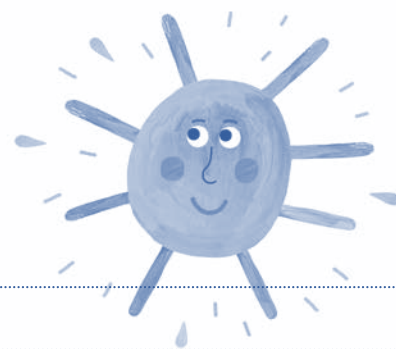
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TEAR SHEET

Write the titles and authors of the books you've read in the boxes below. Tell us which part of the book is your favorite, and why.



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	Favorite Part	
2	Title/Author	
	Favorite Part	
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Summer Reading Program Offer: For each customer, this coupon can be redeemed only once at any Barnes & Noble store. This coupon is valid from August 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019 at close of business. This coupon entitles each customer to receive one eligible title for free while supplies last.

Additional Rules Governing Use of this Coupon: This coupon is (i) not redeemable for cash or cash equivalents (including Gift Cards and eGift Cards); (ii) not valid on past or pre-ordered purchases; (iii) not eligible for purchases of the following products and services: Barnes & Noble Memberships, Gift Cards, eGift Cards, gift-wrapping, textbooks, print-on-demand products, digital content (including but not limited to Nook Books™, Nook Magazines™, and Nook Periodicals), Nook® devices, Nook accessories that are already discounted, other hardware and electronics, software, products available for pre-order, products from the Rosetta Stone® Series, Moleskine® Smart Writing Set Paper Tablet and Pen+, Da Vinci Jr. 3D Printer, Online Clearance, all LEGO® items in the Toys & Games Department, in-store Sale and Clearance Items, in-store Hardcover Bestseller Program 30% off (40% off for Members), products marked as not eligible for coupons or promotional discounts; (iv) not valid on purchases made from third parties accessible from the bn.com website (e.g., used books, etc.); (v) not valid on applicable sales tax or shipping or handling expenses; (vi) may not be combined with any other coupon or promotional discounts except when noted; and (vii) may not be combined with the Educator program discount. This coupon may not be applied to bulk orders. This coupon is not valid at Barnes & Noble College bookstores or websites, or at Barnes & Noble Kitchens. Void where prohibited by law. This offer is subject to change or discontinuation without notice; we will, however, honor properly placed orders with valid methods of payment with sufficient funds placed prior to such change or discontinuation. Barnes & Noble is not responsible for typographical or pictorial errors.



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TEAR SHEET

Amazon Listing Novel Project

Marketing Expert. That is your new job title! Every book on Amazon.com has a listing that informs buyers about the book. Your job is to create a paper version for the novel you have read. Follow the format below.

NEW BOOK COVER

Create a new book cover for the novel and draw it here.

Draw an important scene from your book here.

Draw another important scene from your book here.

PRODUCT DETAILS

Include the following:
Age Range*Grade
Level*Pages*Publisher*

RANK OR RECOMMEND

Choose one of the following options for this section:

- 1) Rank this book against 4 other books you have read recently
- 2) Recommend other books people may like if they are interested in this book.

BOOK TITLE

AUTHOR

Write a one to two sentence preview summary that will capture a potential reader and make them want to buy this book!

SUMMARY

Write a complete summary of the book here.

QUOTE ME

Select 3-5 quotes from the book to display here. Choose quotes that are meaningful and represent the story well.

EDITORIAL REVIEW

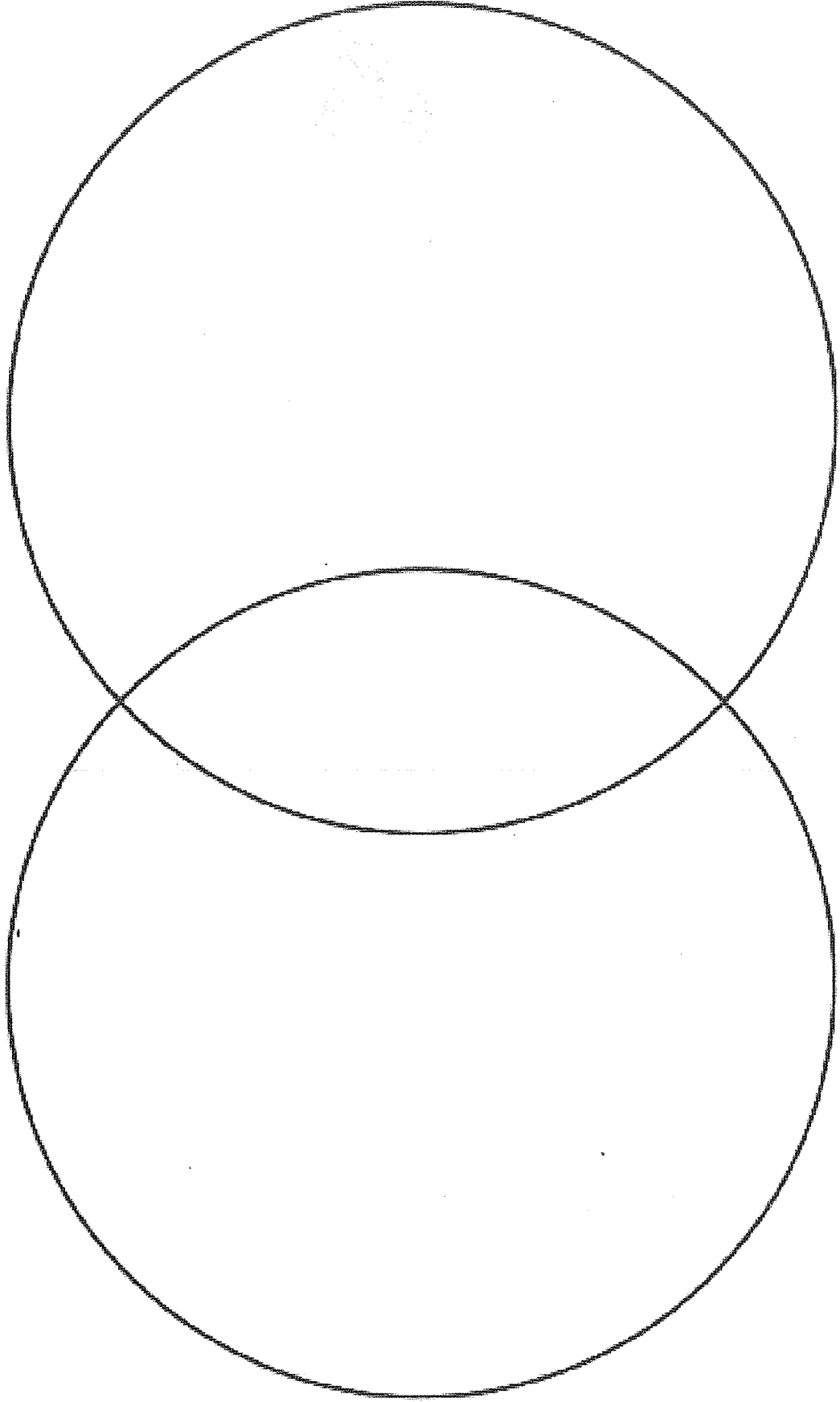
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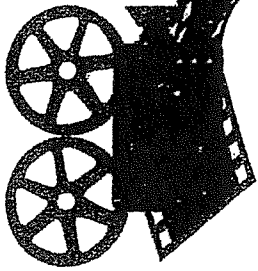
Venn Diagram

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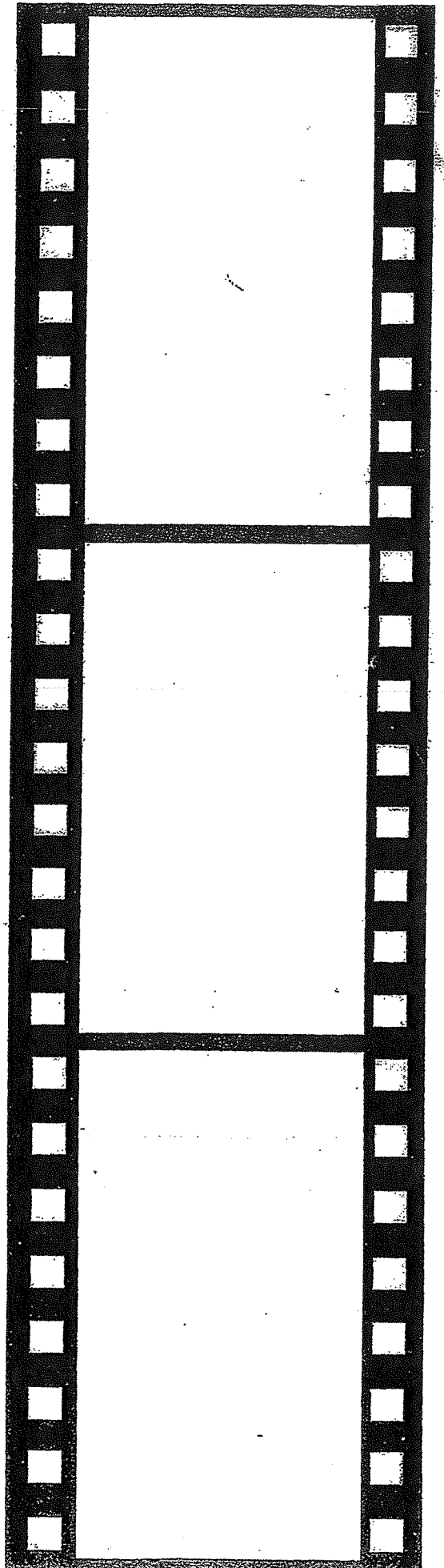
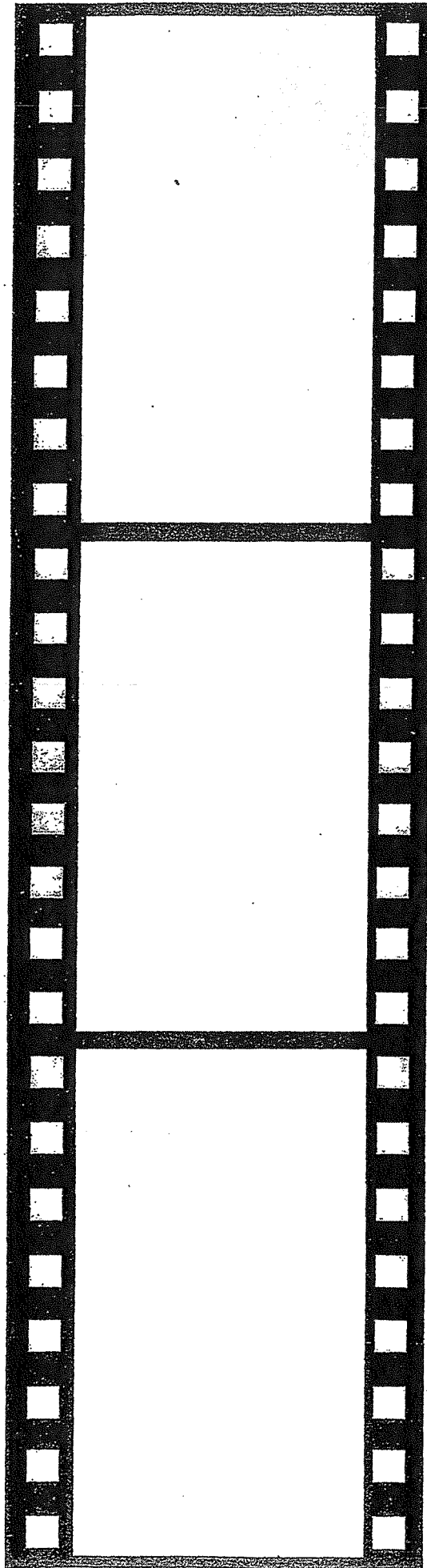
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Comic Strip



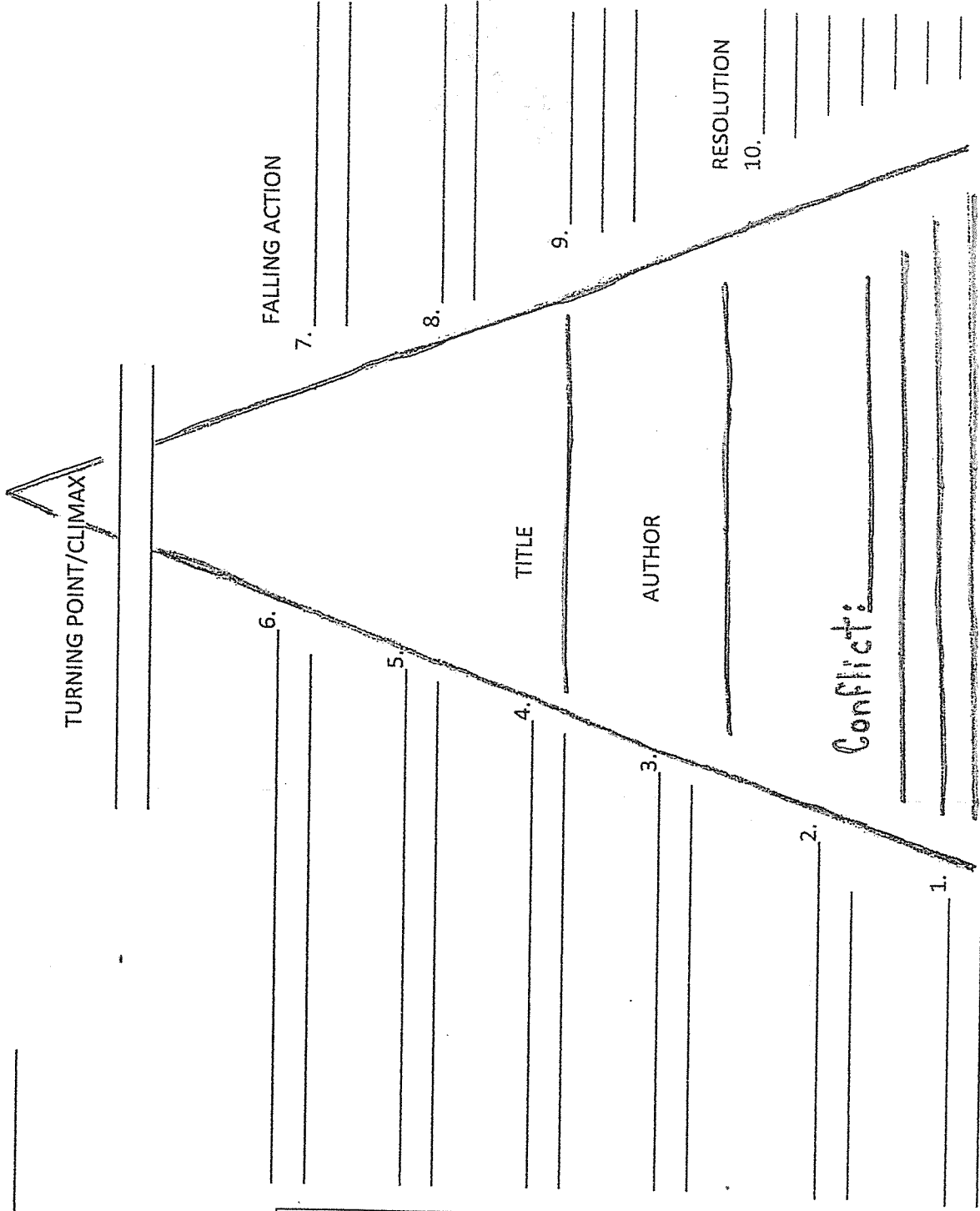
Story Board



Plot Graph

Name: _____

Date: _____



<p>CHARACTERS</p> <p><i>Protagonist & Main Characters:</i></p> <p>Antagonist:</p>	<p>SETTING</p> <p>TIME:</p> <p>PLACE:</p>
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NAME: _____

Conflict Dissection

Title: _____

Character, Setting, Problem, Solution Author: _____

<p>CHARACTER who?</p>	<p>SETTING time, place, where?</p>
<p>PROBLEM conflict</p>	<p>SOLUTION resolution</p>