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9 Literature and Composition

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**Summer Reading In-Class Essay Prompt**

**Task:** Write an in-class essay by the end of today’s class that describes both the plot and the moral, or lesson, of *one* of the summer reading books you chose to read.

**Format:**

* Use an MLA Header (Your name, teacher’s name, class, and date in upper left corner). See example above
* Give it a title (not “Summer Reading Essay”…something that goes with the lesson)
* Adhere to Standard English grammar, spelling, and punctuation
* Organize your writing into the following two paragraphs

F**irst paragraph (plot):**

* Introduce the book by giving the title of it and the name of the author (1-2 sentences)
* Include a description of the book’s plot and your evaluation of the plot (4-6 sentences)

**Second paragraph (the moral or lesson):**

* Explain what you think is the moral or lesson of this book (2-3 sentences)
* Refer to evidence from the book to support your claim and explain how this evidence proves your claim (4-6 sentences)

**Assessed Elements:**

* Understanding of the book’s plot and main events
* Ability to support your claim about the moral with evidence from the text
* Following all bulleted items under the format category
* Use of Standard English grammar, spelling, and punctuation

**Due Date:** At the end of class today. Since this is an in-class essay, you should be able to finish it before you leave today. Come see me if you have concerns about this. This is a low-risk essay, meaning I just want to get a sense of your knowledge of your summer reading book as well as your writing so that I know where to go from here as I teach.