

Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading

Summer Reading Rubric *The Pearl*

Name _____

Identify **at least ten new words** from the novel. 10 pts.

Write each word in your journal, with a **dictionary** definition. 10 pts.

Write the sentence from the novel in which you found the word. 10 pts.

Write the page numbers of the sentences found. 3 pts.

Journal (Use and follow the directions below for journaling.)

Spiral notebook – one subject 1 pt.

Draw line down the middle of the page from top to bottom. 3 pts.

In the left column **write down 20 quotes from the novel** that mean something to you. 40 pts.

Include the page number of quote. 3 pts.

In the right column write your response to the quote. 20 pts.

Total 100 /

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

1. Read all of the novel *The Pearl*.
You should purchase a copy of the novel so that you can read it over the summer and have at school on the first day. You may certainly increase your understanding of the novel by reading supplements such as Spark Notes, but you must **read the novel from cover to cover**. Copies will be available at Barnes and Noble in Spartanburg.
2. Identify at least ten new words from the novel. Write each word in your journal, with a dictionary definition and the sentence from the novel in which you found the word. Also, include the page number.
3. Keep a journal (spiral – on subject) for the novel, as you read. (I prefer the journal to be hand-written. It must be neat and easy to read.)

Get a spiral notebook and draw a line down the middle of the page from top to bottom. In the left column write down quotes from the novel that mean something to you, along with the page numbers. Be sure to put quotation marks around the quote and put the page number in parentheses. In the right column write your response to the quote.

4. You will take an AR test on the novel during the first 2 weeks of school. This will count as AR points for first nine weeks.

Choose 20 quotes from the novel, with some from the beginning, middle, and end of the story.
***You should use at least one of each of the following types of responses.**

Here are some types of responses that you might make about a quote from a novel:

(Q) = Question: *Ask something about the passage – who, what, where, when, why, and how.*

(C) = Connect: *Make a personal connection by relating the quote to something in your life, from your past or from the present.*

(P) = Predict: *Using information given in the plot or the action, or the foreshadowing of events or characters, predict events that you anticipate will occur.*

(CL) = Clarify: *Answer earlier questions that you wrote down and/or confirm or disaffirm earlier predictions that you made.*

(R) = Reflect: *Think seriously about the passage and what it means to all people, not just to you. Your reflection should be insightful and mature.*

(E) = Evaluate: *Make a judgment on the character(s), the actions of the character(s), or the way the author writes something.*

Carry on a conversation with the book. Think about the issues you find in the story.
Do not just summarize the plot.