

## Summer 2025 Required Readings | 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Continue reading even when school is out for the summer!. Reading promotes fluency, increases children's vocabulary, stimulates their imagination, expands their knowledge of the world, and increases/maintains their comprehension skills. To prevent the typical "summer slide" students experience when not in school, we are requiring students to read. Each grade level has developed a specific reading assignment (see your grade level below). These are also some resources and many offer prizes.

- Sign up for your local library summer reading program. The Harker Heights summer library program has kicked off and offers many great opportunities. The Killeen Public Library also has a summer reading program with prizes when completed. You could even check out the summer library program at the Copperas Cove!
- Read books on-line through Open Library, Story Line online, Tumble books, Goodread Free shelves, and many more. All for free.
- **Barnes & Noble** Summer reading: read any 8 books, complete the B&N reading journal form (<https://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our-stores-communities/summer-reading-program/>); take the form to any B&N store and pick your free book from their list.
- **Half-Price Books** Summer reading camp: <https://www.hpb.com/summer-reading.html>
- **H.E.Buddy's** Summer Reading program: read 10 books, submit their form and win prizes. <https://www.heb.com/static-page/H-E-Buddy-Reading-Club>
- **MWR Library Summer Reading** program. Sign up and check it out at Casey Memorial Library at Fort Cavazos. <https://www.armymwr.com/programs-and-services/libraries/summer-reading-program>
- **Pizza Hut Camp Book It!** Meet your monthly reading goals and earn a free, one-topping personal pan pizza. <https://www.bookitprogram.com/book-it-for-parents>
- **Scholastic**: a completely free digital destination which offers stories, characters, games, and a community of readers, the more students read, the more digital experiences they earn. Check it out! <https://kids.scholastic.com/kid/homebase/>
- **Sonlight Summer Reading Challenge**: <https://www.sonlight.com/homeschool/homeschool-101/sonlight-media/ebooks/summer-reading-printables#signupform>

### Required Reading – Entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

The Boy Who Dared by Susan Campbell Bartoletti  
Available through Overdrive – a digital library; access with a library card from HH Stewart C. Meyer Library, Copperas Cove Public Library, Salado Public Library.

- Plot Diagram
- Character Trait Chart for one main character: be creative when creating your character trait chart.

### Required Reading – Entering 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by J. Boyne  
Also, Available through Overdrive – a digital library; access with a library card from HH Stewart C. Meyer Library, Copperas Cove Public Library, Salado Public Library.

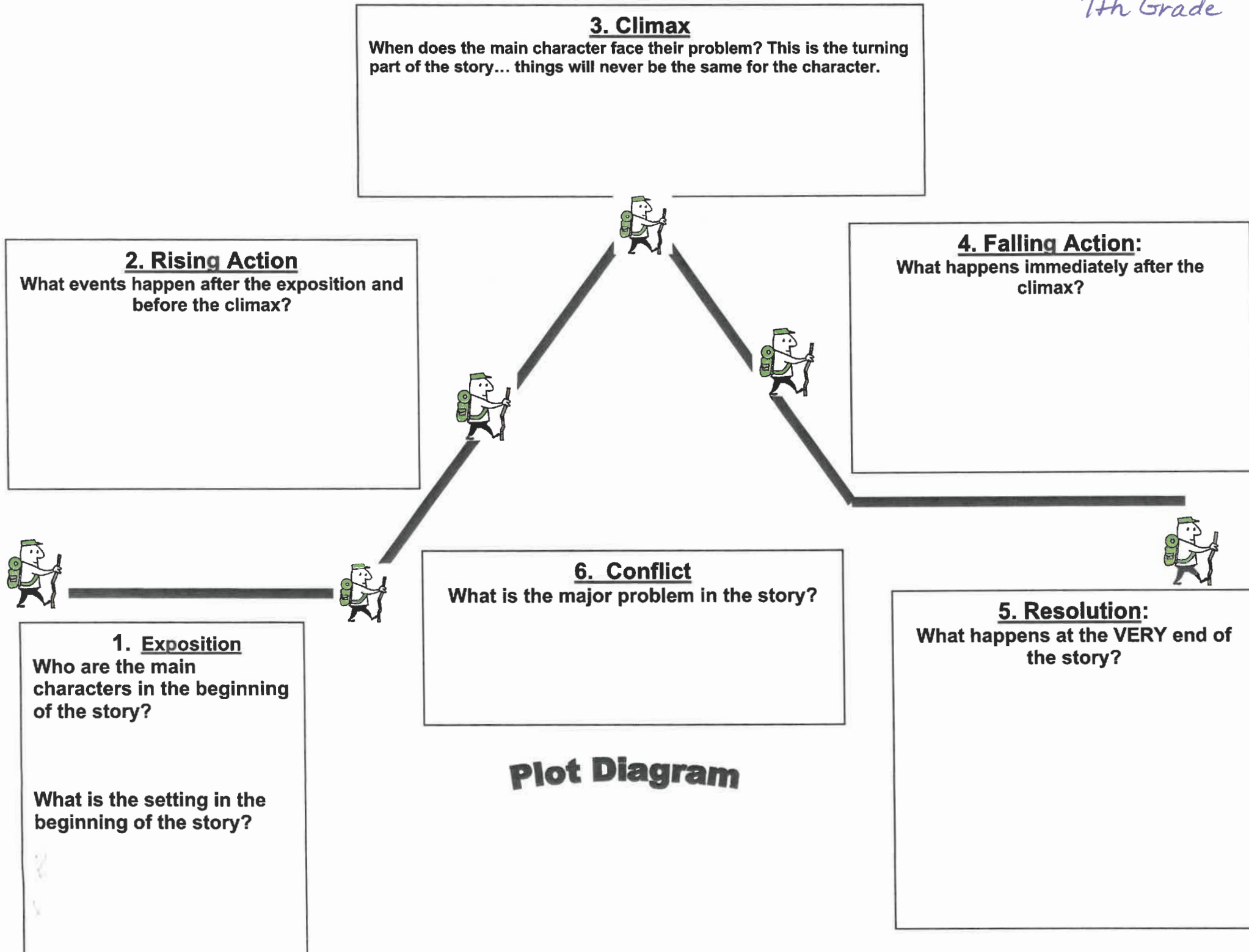
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### Additional Reading for both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Triple Crown Reading program (read all 9 by April 25, 2026 earn a reading award) **Books are available to be checked out through the front office.**

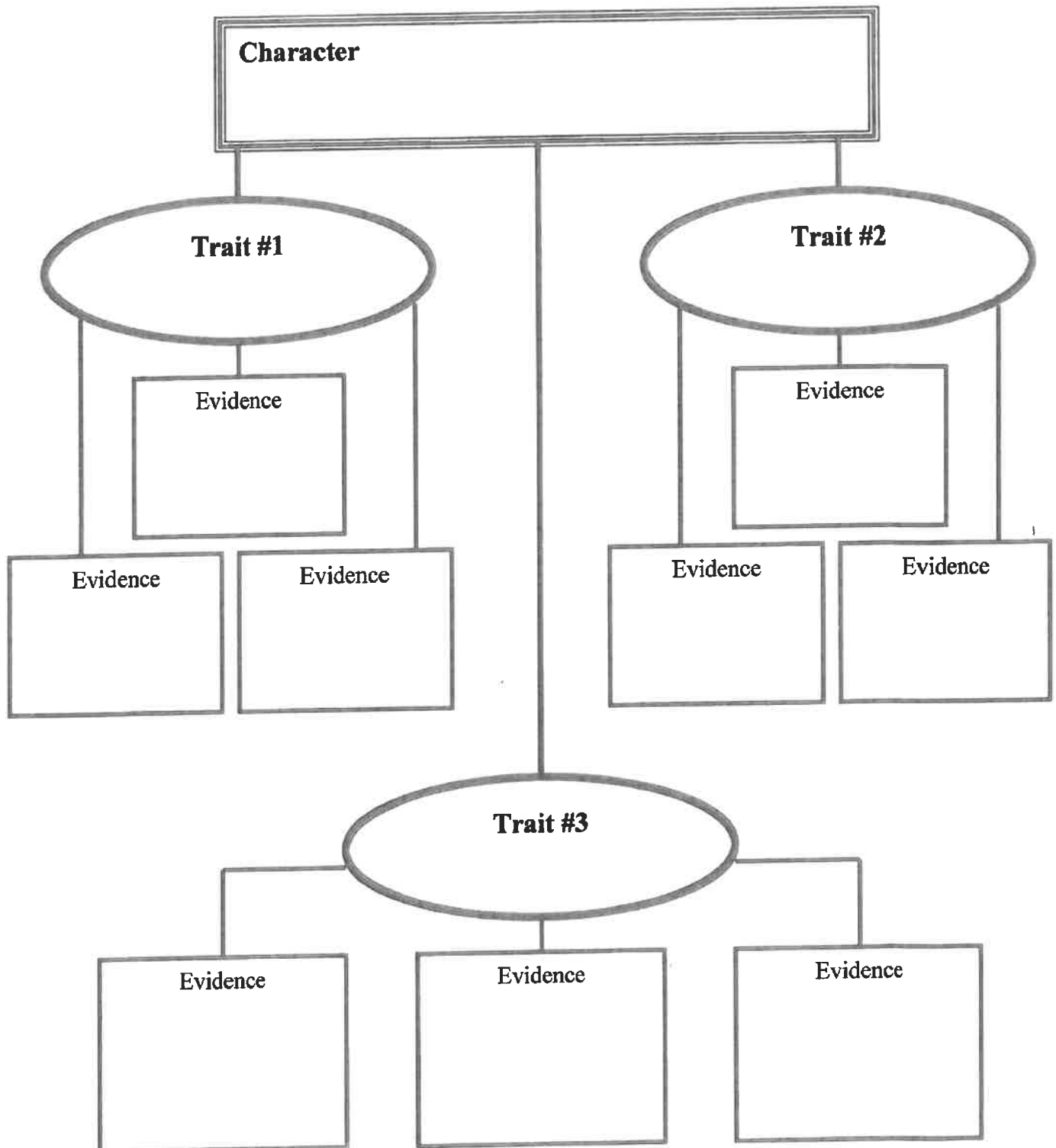
*The Mona Lisa Vanishes* by Nicholas Day  
*Freewater* by Amina Luqman-Dawson  
*It's Not Bragging If It's True: How to be Awesome at Life* by Zaila Avant-Garde  
*The Misfits: A Royal Conundrum* by Lisa Yee  
*Black Girl You Are Atlas* by Renée Watson  
*The Secret Language of Birds* by Lynne Kelly  
*The Millicent Quibb School of Etiquette for Young Ladies of Madd Science* by Kate Mckinnon  
*Maggie and the Mountain of Light* by Mark Snoad  
*When We Flew Away: A Novel of Anne Frank Before the Diary* by Alice Hoffman

- Students should spend 20 minutes per day per subject using BJU [Afterschool Help.com](https://www.bju.edu/after-school-help) to review and preview Writing and Grammar concepts and Math skills.



## CHARACTER MAP # 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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