

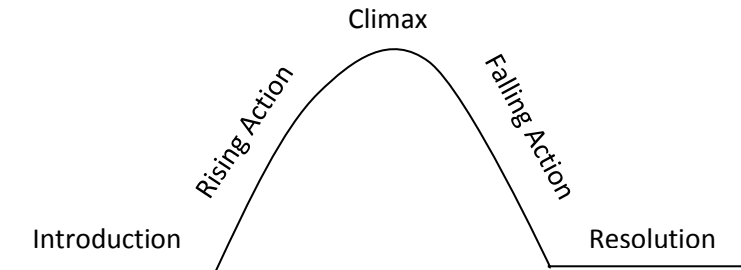
Summer Reading Assignment
for incoming Grade 5

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Your task is to read *The Sign of the Beaver* and complete the following summary report.

We will begin the school year doing a unit on this book.

- Setting: What is the setting? Describe the historical time period, the geographical location, any social conditions (i.e. poverty, unusual language, clothing, customs, prejudice...), and the mood (what does the author want you, the reader, to feel as you begin the book?).
- Character Analysis: Tell me who the protagonist (main character) is. Describe the main character's physical appearance, age, etc. Tell me what the protagonist dreams or hopes for. Describe how the protagonist spends a typical day. Tell what others think about the protagonist.
- Conflict: Describe the MAIN conflict of the story using complete sentences. The conflict is the problem the main character faces. Sometimes it is a problem within one's self, other times the main character is being opposed by something else, such as a person, nature, or society (racism). There are often smaller problems introduced along the way, but there is one main problem that moves the plot along.
- Plot Summary:



- A) *Introduction* – Use complete sentences to introduce the protagonist (main character), the setting, and the conflict.
- B) *Rising Action* – Use complete sentences to write the main details as the protagonist tries to solve the conflict.
- C) *Climax* – Use complete sentences to describe the climax. This is the emotional high point of the story; the moment the story begins to change and you realize the problem will be solved.
(This is tricky! Just do your best. We will discuss this further in class.)
- D) *Falling Action* – Use complete sentences to describe the main details that occur after the climax. This is how the conflict unravels. It is the part of the story where the problem is solved.
- E) *Resolution* – This is the final outcome of the story. Use complete sentence to tell the ending of the story. In a fairy tale, it is the “happily ever after” part.

This summary report is due on the first day of 5th grade.

It will be your first grade in Literature class. Points will be deducted if your assignment is late.