

## Grade 7 Summer Reading Note Sheet

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Novel \_\_\_\_\_ Author \_\_\_\_\_

**CHARACTERS:** Authors create dynamic characters through the **methods of characterization**.

As you read pay attention to:

- the **words** the character says
- the **thoughts** of the character,
- the **actions** he/she does
- and **how others think, talk, and feel about him/her**.

The **use** of these methods reveals a character's traits. In the chart below write down the traits of the main characters and explain what happened in the story that causes you to think this way.

Main character(s)	Trait(s) ex: brave, honest, loyal	Explain how the trait is revealed

**PLOT/CONFLICT:** A conflict is a problem the character(s) encounter. Write down the types of conflicts you found in the novel and give a brief description of what happened. The seven basic types of conflicts are. Circle the ones that are found in your book.

Person vs. nature

Person vs. society

Person vs. destiny/fate

Person vs. unknown

Person vs. person

Person vs. self

Person vs. machine

Conflict	Describe the conflict (include characters' names and setting in description)
Beginning ( Exposition) How was the conflict introduced?	
Early Middle ( Rising Action)	

Later Middle ( Rising Action)	
Climax/Resolution	

**THEMATIC IDEA:**

The **thematic idea** is the abstract concept that the author examines or explores in the story of the book.

Here are just a few of the many possible literary thematic ideas that often show up:

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| Love (or hate) | Loss of Innocence | Courage (or Fear)   |
| Rebellion      | Family            | Freedom             |
| Greed          | Grief             | Search for Identity |
| Prejudice      | Perseverance      | Power               |
| Evil/Good      | Friendship        | Loyalty             |

1. Look at the conflict you described on the first side and then look at the list of thematic ideas.
2. Choose **one thematic idea** that you think the author explored. *Highlight* your choice and **complete the sentence starter below** with your information.

In the book \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, the author explores the thematic idea of \_\_\_\_\_.

What message/lesson does the author want you to learn by reading this book? Explain what happens in the novel that leads you to this conclusion.

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