

Helpful Hints for Summer Reading Books

1. When doing the summer reading, become an **active reader** by underlining or highlighting important parts of the story.
2. Begin by underlining the **setting** including a description of the **time** and **place** and all of the **characters** (both **major** and **minor**) with their full descriptions.
3. Be able to identify the **protagonist** (the main character) and the **antagonist** (the character who struggles with the main character).
4. As you are going through the novel underline important parts of the **plot** (the series of events) in the story. **Remember** underline **only** parts of the plot that move the story along. Don't underline too much.
5. **Circle** the page numbers for the setting, characters, and plot – so they will be easier to find later on.
6. Identify any **themes** or central ideas that you notice, especially ones that recur or repeat by highlighting or underlining those ideas.
7. As you read the novel, fill out the **Story Map** (found on the OHA website) as you go along. It will be easier to complete while you are reading rather than going back after you have finished the book.
8. **AT A GLANCE:** Another useful hint to help you locate and identify the characters easily is to make a **list** in the front cover of the book of all characters mentioned and a **page** where they can be found. This will provide important information – **AT A GLANCE**.
9. Try these **helpful hints** as you read, and you will become an **active reader** when you delve into each new story.
10. Remember take your **time**, **absorb**, and **enjoy** what you read.

HAPPY READING!