SUMMER READING TEMPLATE:

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Important: A template is a document type that allows a person to write as much in a provided space as desired. The template adjusts as one continues to write. (This one-page template could easily become a 3- or 4-page document.) If you do not have Microsoft Office, you may download a free site that will allow you to open the templates (<http://www.openoffice.org>).

**Student Name**:

**Course**:

**Date Reading Began**:

**Date Reading Completed**:

**Title of Book**:

**Author**:

**Original Copyright Date**:

**Explanation of Title** (minimum of two sentences):

**Author’s Message**: In three-five sentences, describe the message/theme of this book. Use one properly cited quote in this paragraph that illustrates the message of the story.

**Milestone Events:** In paragraph form, describe6 or more milestone events in the life of the subject of this book.

**Characterization:** Select and properly cite a quote from the text that best characterizes (either directly or indirectly) the subject of this book. Explain what this quote reveals about the person.

**Vocabulary:** Find five words that are new to you. Quote and properly cite the entire sentence in which the word appears. Bold the word you have chosen. Then, provide a definition that best fits the meaning of the word as it is used in the sentence. Example: Exploits: “Two-Bit was telling me about one of his many **exploits** while we did the dishes” (121). Exploit is a noun that means “a bold or daring feat.”

**Personal Connections**: In a five-seven sentence paragraph, describe any personal connections you made while reading the text. When describing the personal connection, use one properly cited quote to support your point.

Possible ideas to discuss in your paragraph include (but are not limited to) the following:

* With whom do you identify and why?
* Does anyone in the book remind you of people you know? Why?
* Have you been through a similar conflict?
* Did this book change your perspective on anything?
* Why is this book important for a high school student to read?