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Adolescent literature often contains sensitive or mature themes. The 8th grade Language Arts teachers encourage students to make informed and shared decisions about reading with their parents. Students should discuss all title selections with a parent or guardian before making a choice. The following expectations should be met before returning to school in August 2016:

- Students should read one selection from the first section and view the film adaptation of the text.
- In order to deepen the reading experience and to prepare for required activities in the first weeks of school, students must complete the during-reading assignments that accompany their reading choice and the movie version.
- I. BOOK SELECTION: Read <u>one</u> text from the following list of books AND view the film companion to the text; complete the corresponding assignment.

Book	Author
The Secret Life of Bees	Sue Monk-Kidd
The Outsiders	S.E. Hinton
The Lovely Bones	Alice Sebold
The Fault in Our Stars	John Green
Because of Winn-Dixie	Kate DiCamillo
City of Bones: The Mortal Instruments, Book 1	Cassandra Clare
Flipped	Wendelin Van Draanen
A Walk to Remember	Nicholas Sparks
Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Patterson
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt
Pictures of Hollis Woods	Patricia Reilly-Giff
Divergent or Insurgent	Veronica Roth

BOOK SELECTION ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

During-Reading/During-Viewing Observations for Text to Media Comparison

Learning Goal: I can analyze the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama stays faithful to or departs from the text or script, evaluating the choices made by the director or actors.

- Record your observations about the book and the film on the provided graphic organizers.
- You must take notes on the development of:
 - Character (required for all students)
 - Plot (required for all students)
- You are expected to have these notes complete and bring them to class the first day of school.

After-Reading/After-Viewing for Text to Media Comparison

• You will use your notes during the first weeks of school to compose a structured, formal written response that addresses the learning goal. NOTE: The more detailed and thorough your notes are, the more prepared you will be to successfully complete the assignment.

Graphic Organizer for TEXT SELECTION

Name: _____

Book Title: _____

Main	Text Evidence	Conclusions about the Evidence	
Character	 Quote the text directly (word-for-word) 		
	Keep track of the development of the protagonist, or main character, in the book. Include at least three pieces of text evidence that show how the character changes or does not change over the course of the story. Text Evidence #1 (beginning of text) page	For each piece of text evidence, explain what is revealed or discovered about the character's personality through the text evidence.	
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	Text Evidence #2 (middle of text) page:		
	Text Evidence #3 (end of text) page:		
Plot	Exposition: Identify the setting and initial conflicts present in the text. Rising Action: Summarize the complications, or problems, that lead up to the climax. Climax: Identify the turning point or moment of highest intensity in the text in which the outcome of the sto becomes clear.		
	Falling Action: Summarize the events that lead to the conc	lusion.	
	Resolution: Explain how the story ends.		

Graphic Organizer for MOVIE SELECTION

Name: _____

Main	Specific Examples from the Film	Conclusions about the Examples from	
Character		the Film	
	Keep track of the development of the protagonist, or main character, in the film. Include at least three pieces of details that show how the character changes or does not change over the course of the movie. Evidence #1 (beginning of movie)	For each piece of text evidence, explain what is revealed or discovered about the character's personality through the example.	
	Evidence #2 (middle of movie)		
	Evidence #3 (end of movie)		
Plot	Exposition: Identify the setting and initial conflicts present in the text. Rising Action: Summarize the complications that lead up to the climax. Climax: Identify the turning point or moment of highest intensity in the text in which the outcome of the story becomes clear. Falling Action: Summarize the events that lead to the conclusion.		
	Resolution: Explain how the story ends.		