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Adolescent literature often contains sensitive or mature themes. The 8<sup>th</sup> 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	<ul> <li>Quote the text directly (word-for-word)</li> </ul>		
	Keep track of the development of the protagonist, or main character, in the book. Include <b>at least three</b> <b>pieces of text evidence</b> that show how the character changes or does not change over the course of the story. <b>Text Evidence #1 (beginning of text) page</b>	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.	
	<b>Resolution:</b> 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 <b>at least three pieces of</b> <b>details</b> that show how the character changes or does not change over the course of the movie. <b>Evidence #1 (beginning of movie)</b>	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.		
	<b>Resolution:</b> Explain how the story ends.		