8th Grade Summer Reading Homework (Due first week of school)

Book: ***Northwind by Gary Paulsen***

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1. Read the Book

You are required to read *Northwind* over the summer. As you read, take notes or highlight passages that stand out to you—especially those that relate to **theme**, **character growth**, and **survival**.

2. Theme Graphic Organizer

Directions: During or after reading the novel, complete the attached worksheet about the theme of *Northwind.*

3. Socratic Seminar Preparation

Be prepared to participate in a Socratic Seminar during the first week of school. Bring your book, theme graphic organizer and be ready to discuss. Participation in the discussion is a part of the grade.

IXL Summer Boost: Language Arts

Your student will need to go to IXL.com and log in.

Student logins and passwords for returning students are the same ones used in class. Once your child has logged into IXL, he/she will need to do the following:

1. Make sure you are under the Learning tab on the green bar.
2. Choose Skill Plans
3. Your student will complete all 20 skills for Summer Boost for Language Arts 8th grade.
4. Choose a skill from the list to practice. It is easiest to just go down the list, but they do not have to be done in order. You can just click on the link and it will take you to the skill. For all 20 skills, students need to get to a smart score of 80. Some will take less than 5 minutes, and some might take up to 20. They do not have to do them one day at a time.

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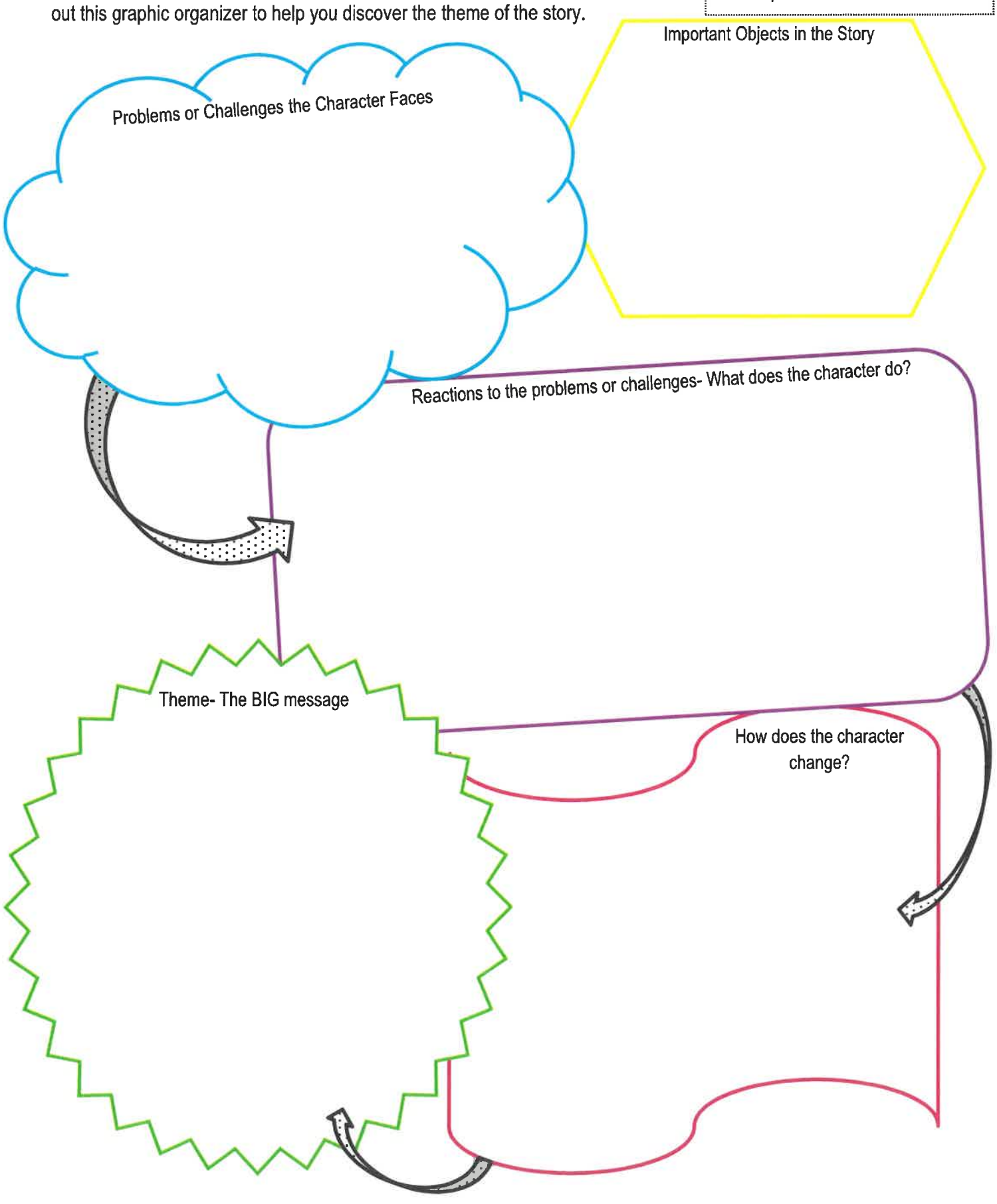
Theme is the lesson about life that we learn from the characters and events in the story. Authors usually don't directly tell us the theme of a story. We must use the clues the author left for us to infer a theme or even multiple themes of a story. Fill out this graphic organizer to help you discover the theme of the story.

RL.2- Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development.



Evidence #1

Find evidence in the text that supports the theme you wrote.

On page ____, it said...

The author wrote...

According to the text...

Evidence #2

Evidence #3

After reading, I know that...

Based on what I read...

In the ____ paragraph...

Middle School Summer Math

Summer math work will be IXL only this year. Student logins and passwords are sent home with students at the end of the school year .

Once your child has logged in to IXL, he/she will need to do the following:

1. Make sure you are under the Learning tab on the green bar.

2. Choose Math and then Skill Plans.

3. Choose IXL Summer Boost and ***choose the grade they will be going into next year.*** All students going into 6th grade are to complete the 6th grade Summer Boost. Students going into 7th and 8th grade students in Advanced Math are a grade above their actual grade level. This means that a student entering Advanced Math in 7th Grade would do Summer Boost for 8th Grade.

4. Choose a skill from the list to practice. It is easiest to just go down the list, but they do not have to be done in order. You can just click on the link and it will take you to the skill. For all 20 skills, students need to get to a smart score of 80-100. Some will take less than 5 minutes and some might take up to 20. They do not have to do them one day at a time.

If your child does not log in with his/her assigned user name and password, the teacher cannot see your students progress. No summer work will be accepted from an account not issued by Christ the King.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sands at deanna.sands@ctkschooljax.com

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ART ASSIGNMENT 2026

All students are required to create a Poster Board portfolio

- 22x28 sized poster board
- Folded and stapled
- Decorate
- Name(first and last name) and grade level write on the top right hand corner

Due on the first day of Art class.