**The Monthly Book Report**



**Objective:** Students will be able to write a clear and concise book report, which is divided into various sections based on **the elements of a novel**: *the protagonist, antagonist, conflict, setting, plot, climax, denouement, and theme*.

**Procedures:** At the beginning of every month students will select a book they will read and write a book report. Students will work on the report during class time. A special attention will be focused on time management and writing skills. At the end of every report, students will grow as **readers**, **writers**, and **critical thinkers**.

**Book Selection:** The teacher will pre-select possible books for students to read based on their reading level and interest. Most books will be Newbery award winners and/or other first-rate books.

**Elements of a Novel**

**Protagonist:** The main character of the novel/story.

**Antagonist:** The opposing force in the novel/story. It might be an institution and/or a character or group of characters.

**Conflict:** An issue between two characters or forces. Usually is the central issue of the story.

**Setting:** Time, place, and conditions of the novel/story.

**Plot:** Describes the events that happen in the story or make up the main part of the story. It might be in sequence, cause and effect, etc.

**Climax:** Is the highest point of the story. Either the main part of the story or when the story takes a drastic turn.

**Denouement:** The End of the story/novel.

**Theme:** The main idea of the story. What is the author’s message?