



Required Reading Study Guide

MARGUERITE DURAS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Instructions: This study guide has two purposes. First, it will help to establish that you have successfully completed your summer reading. Second, it will help you prepare for class discussions, which will take place at the beginning of school in September. The completed guide should be turned in on the first day of school.

Title: _____

Author: _____

I. Setting: The setting of a book consists of the time and place in which the events of a story occur. Write a couple of sentences describing the setting of the book.

II. Characters: List the names of the main characters of the book and describe each with one or two sentences. You must write at least about five characters from the book.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

III. Plot: The plot consists of the important actions or events that take place throughout the story. Following the timeline of events, choose and describe what you believe are the **ten** most important events that take place in the book. This can be done in list form.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

IV. Advanced comprehension: Answer the following questions with full sentences.

1. What is the initial conflict?

2. Why do you think the author wrote that book? What was he/she trying to show?

3. What did you learn from reading this book?

4. Identify the climax of the book and explain why (*highest moment of a story/major turning point in a plot*).

5. Choose two characters from the book and compare/contrast them (*similarities and differences*).

V. Critical thinking: Now it is your chance to comment on the book. In a paragraph or two, explain **why** you liked or did not like the book.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

I have carefully reviewed this study guide with my child.

Signed, _____