

# Northwood Temple Academy



## Summer Reading for Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Read at least two books from this list. Complete the attached summer book report for one of the books and submit it the second week of school.

*Little Women*

Louisa May Alcott

*All Creatures Great and Small*

James Herriot

*Hatchet*

Gary Paulsen

*The Hobbit*

J.R.R. Tolkien

*The Swiss Family Robinson* (Unabridged)

Johann Wyss

NTA  
English 8  
Summer Book Report: Literature Bag Project



**Suggested Materials:**

One lunch-size paper bag (any color)

Construction paper

Markers

Glue

Scissors

Other items for decoration (pom poms, stickers, pipe cleaners, glitter, etc.)

**Directions:** Design a bag that represents major events from your favorite summer reading selection. Decorate the outside of the bag to depict a scene or theme from the book. The title and author's name must be included on the outside. Your name should be written on the bottom. The bag must contain at least five items significant to the book. No more than two of these items can be paper-made. All items must fit into the bag and must be school appropriate. Additionally, you will need to neatly write or type a one page plot summary of the book (in MLA format) that includes a description of each of your items. Include the setting (time and place), major character descriptions, conflicts, climax, and resolutions in your plot summary.

**Point Values:**

Bag decoration/creativity:	<b>15 points</b>
Title and author on the outside of the bag:	<b>10 points</b>
5 items inside the bag:	<b>6 each/30 points</b>
Written plot summary at least one page in length that explains all 5 items in the bag:	<b>30 points</b>
Spelling, grammar, and MLA format:	<b>15 points</b>

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