

SUMMER CLIMB

Going into

7th Grade

English

Saint Patrick Catholic School

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Summer Reading for Incoming 7th Grade English/Humanities Students

Dear 7th graders and parents,

Hello, and welcome to 7th grade! I'm looking forward to a great year with all of you. Reading is a necessary skill for academics, but it is also a way to learn about other people, time periods, places, and cultures. While I hope you read several books this summer on your own, I have picked out one book I would like all incoming 8th graders to read: *Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck. **You will complete a plot mapping and a character analysis packet to showcase your knowledge of the text.** This packet is attached and your answers can be either handwritten or typewritten, and they will be due on the first day of school. If you handwrite it, you need to print out the below templates to fill out from your home printer. This is a significant project, so don't save it for the last week of summer! I recommend you read the text in June or July and work on the project throughout the summer.

Please feel free to email me at boreilly@saintpats.org with any questions or concerns. I am here to help!

Warmly,

Mrs. O'Reilly

Name: _____

Assignment directions:

1. Plot Mapping: Begin by plotting the story to the steps in the plot diagram. Then, write a paragraph describing each section of the plot diagram (you should aim for 6-8 sentences in a paragraph). Plot Map template and sheet included below.
2. Character Analysis: Gather quotes and other examples from the text to use as evidence that provides insight into three main characters of the book. Character tracking sheet included below.

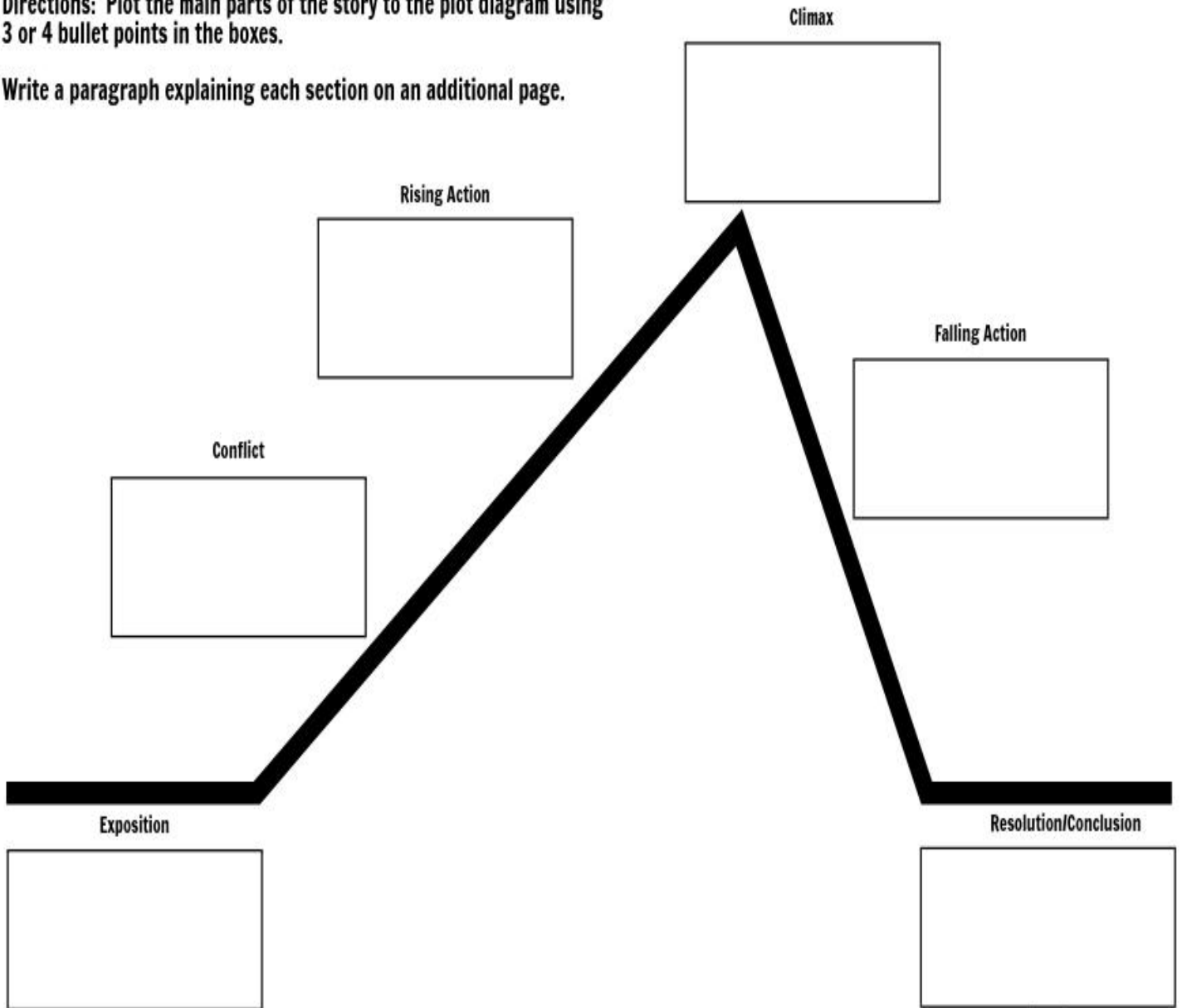
Name _____

Date _____

Plot Map of _____

Directions: Plot the main parts of the story to the plot diagram using 3 or 4 bullet points in the boxes.

Write a paragraph explaining each section on an additional page.



Plot Mapping: Complete a paragraph below describing each section of the plot of the book:

a. Exposition:

b. Conflict:

c. Rising Action:

d. Climax:

e. Falling Action:

f. Resolution/Conclusion:

Character Analysis

(Complete three of these worksheets – one each for three different characters in the book)

Book Name: _____ **Character Name:** _____

The technique an author uses to develop characters is characterization. Characterization can be developed through physical description, through comments by the narrator, through comments of characters and through a description of the character's speech and actions.

As you come across references to a character, determine if they contribute to your understanding of him or her, and write a short description on line in the appropriate box, using proper quotes. Give the chapter and page references. Use the following labeling as you enter quotes. (3: 56 = Chapter 3: page 56).

a. Physical description

b. Direct Comments from Narrator

c. Comments of Other Characters

d. Descriptions of their own Speech and Actions
