

# Summer Assignment- Language Arts

Read Homecoming by Cynthia Voight

- ❖ If you want a "C" on the assignment, do a **complete, careful job** on part one below.
- ❖ If you want an "B" on the assignment, do a **complete, careful job** on the first two parts below. Be thoughtful and honest.
- ❖ If you want an "A" on the assignment, do a **complete, careful job** on all three parts below. Be thoughtful and honest.

## Part One (Summary)

Write a summary of the book (1-2 paragraphs). Be sure to mention the main events (the ones that changed the course of the story). No more than 1/2 page please.

## Part Two (Response)

Write a personal response to the book (1-2 paragraphs) . Just react honestly, as if you were discussing the book with someone who'd recently read it as well.

Here are some ideas to get you started (you do not have to use these; they are just ideas): Tell me what surprised you. What interested you? What character or situation did you identify with? Why? How did this book compare with others you read in the seventh grade? Did you enjoy it? Why/ why not? What parts in the book were your favorites/least favorite and why? Did you disagree with the character's decisions? Just tell me what you were **thinking and feeling** while you reading the book.

## Part Three (Author Talk)

Write one paragraph about the author's writing style. Did you like how Cynthia Voight wrote? You can discuss anything you noticed the writer doing.

Here are some topics/ideas to get you started (again, you do not have to use these; they are just ideas to get you started): Did you find the chapters to be too long/short? What do you think about his title choice? Did the character seem real? Why? Is there a sentence you find really well written or interesting? Was the story predictable? Did the climax have good tension? Ask yourself: Why did the author do that? Wonder. Consider. There are no wrong answers.

**Student Note:** Work may be in pen or pencil. Please have your full name in the upper right hand corner. This is the first thing I read by you as eighth graders; do your best work.

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Have a great summer! Happy Reading!

Due the first day of school.