Grade 8 Students:

Choose one of the following novels to read and analyze:

- *The Watsons Go To Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

After you read, you will be asked to demonstrate your understanding of the text by completing a book review. Use this template to complete the assignment.

Directions for the Book Review:

- In the uppermost box, add the title of the novel, along with the author underneath.
- Answer the following six prompts in any of the larger boxes provided in the template.
- In the two smaller spaces provided, include a relevant picture and quote from the novel.
- Use complete sentences and appropriate grammar.

1. Name the type of **conflict** and describe what the protagonist goes through.
2. Explain the **change in character** that the protagonist experiences.
3. Identify the **theme** of the story and explain what message the author wanted to convey.
4. Give an example of **figurative language** (metaphor, simile, personification, onomatopoeia, or imagery) used in the novel, and explain how the figurative language enhances the reader's understanding of the novel.
5. Make a personal connection to any element of the novel: text to self, world, or media. Give specific details of your connection.
6. Rate this book on a scale of 1 to 10. What qualities of a good book does this novel demonstrate or not? What kind of reader would enjoy this book?

Be ready to share when you return to school!
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