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Organizer

English _____

Summer Reading Graphic

Title _____ Author: _____ Genre: _____ Total Pages: _____

Directions: As you read your selected summer text, use the chart below to document 3 noticings from the beginning, middle, and end of the book. Then take the flashpoints through “So what?”. The explanation for “So what?” is outlined below.

Pushing Observations to Conclusions - Asking “So what?”

The prompt for making the move from observation to implication, and ultimately, interpretation is “So What?” which is shorthand for such questions as:

- What does the observation imply?
- Why does this observation matter?
- Where does this observation get us?
- How can we begin to generalize about the subject?

The repeated asking of “So what?” causes people to push on and pursue the implications of their first responses; it prompts people to reason in a chain, rather than settling prematurely for a single link.

Your “So what?” responses should build off of one another, and your tentative claims/conclusions should tie your observation and “So what?” responses together. It is a way of taking an idea through what it says ---> what it means ---> why it matters.

What to do:

1. Document your noticings and make an observation about them.
2. Ask and respond to “So what?” (use questions above)
3. Ask and respond to “So what?” again. (Build by going back to 4 questions)
4. Make a tentative claim about the observation.
 - A tentative claim can also be considered a hypothesis. What is the universal idea/concept the author seems to be working toward?

The graphic organizer you need to use to map your observations is provided on the back of this document.

Noticings <i>(Make your observation by looking at how the three noticings fit together)</i>	So what? <i>(Stay local - in the text)</i>	So what? <i>(Start moving away from the text)</i>	Claim(s) <i>(Universal idea that has been incorporated text concept in a broader way)</i>
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Middle: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••			
End:, <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••			

