

*Summer Reading Graphic Organizer*

**Directions:** As you are reading your text, collect five {5} flashpoints from the beginning, middle, and end of your story. The space for flashpoints 4 and 5 are on the back of this page.

A **flashpoint** is a quote or passage that you pull directly from the text that you deem significant or noteworthy.

When choosing a flashpoint, keep the following in mind:

- You should identify a flashpoint *while reading*. As you read, if a line, quote, or paragraph strikes you as significant, mark it or write it down.
- The length of a flashpoint may vary; it can be a few words, a sentence, or multiple sentences.
- Keep in mind issues or ideas you are considering while reading; a flashpoint should be a moment of special intensity that connects to key concepts or issues, but it could also be significant because the sound of the passage, its lyrical quality, is especially noteworthy.
- Always record the page number on which you found the flashpoint.

When you are being asked to give the **context** for the passage, you are being asked to explain the situation around which the flashpoint has been taken, and when you are asked to make a note about the **significance** of the flashpoint, you are being asked to briefly assess why the flashpoint matters.

	Flashpoint with Page Number	Speaker	Context and Significance
1.			
2.			
3.			

4.			
5.			



