**Independent Reading Study**

**Yr 8**

**Learning Intentions**

* **Develop strategies for improving reading comprehension**
* **Measure growth in reading comprehension**

**Choose a novel/book and complete the following tasks. You will have 5 weeks to read your book and complete all tasks. In Week 6 you will choose your second book and complete all tasks by the end of Week 10.**

**Making Predictions**

Look at the front cover and read the blurb.

* Why did you choose the book?
* What do you think the main theme/themes in the book are?

Read the first page and find 6 examples of adjectives.

**Questioning the Text**

While reading the text ask a question on each of the following areas:

* Plot/theme
* Character’s feelings and motives
* Clarification

**Summarising the Text**

Draw a storyboard in order of the 6 main events of this story. Have captions for each picture explaining what is happening.

**Literal Comprehension**

* Find 4 examples of descriptive language used in the text. Explain the context and include evidence from the text.

**Interpreting and Synthesising**

1. While reading record 3 direct quotes that explicitly describes the following points:

* A character
* A setting
* An action

1. Write a statement outlining how a character or incident in the text reminded you of something from your past or built on your prior knowledge*. ( eg. I used to think that people in wheelchairs could go almost anywhere, but in this novel Sandra couldn’t get into any hotels while they were travelling through Thailand. It made me think about how hard some parts of travel could be if you were in a wheelchair.)*

**Evaluating/ Responding**

While you read the text form some detailed opinions. ( minimum of 3)

* An opinion about an event where two characters interacted.
* An opinion about an event. What would you have done if you were in that position?
* A reflection on how the book made you feel. Explicitly state how a part of this book made you feel.
* A statement outlining how your thoughts have changed about a topic since reading this text.

**Making Connections**

* Which texts, games, movies does this book remind you of and why?
* What life events does this text remind you of?
* What has happened/happening in the world that this text is reminding you of?

**Personal Learning Growth**

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| **Reading Comprehension Strategies** | **1st Book** | **2nd Book** | **Growth** |
| Making Predictions |  |  |  |
| Questioning the text |  |  |  |
| Summarising the text |  |  |  |
| Literal comprehension |  |  |  |
| Interpreting and Synthesising |  |  |  |
| Evaluating and Responding |  |  |  |
| Making Connections |  |  |  |