

# Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton

## Sixth Grade English- ETGAR

### *Summer Reading List, 2018*

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***Directions:*** For the summer reading assignment, you must read the **one** mandatory novel, *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George, **as well as, an independent novel selection**. ETGAR students may utilize the audio book version to **accompany** their reading on this assignment. Make sure you're following along with the text as it's read to you.

- Please purchase the novels instead of checking them out from the library as you will be asked to have your texts in class during the early weeks of the school year.
- Be a careful reader to prepare yourself for the literary activities we will engage in upon arrival back to school in August..
- For **each** novel selected, you must also complete the **assignment** enclosed in this summer reading packet.
- Enjoy your reading!
- Have a fantastic summer!

Mandatory novel:

*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Graighead George

Fifteen-year-old Sam Gribley has decided to run away from his crowded apartment home, but unlike most kids who rarely get beyond their block, Sam goes from New York City all the way to the ruined farm of Great-grandfather Gribley in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. There are no buildings or people on the old Gribley farm, so Sam sets up residence by hollowing out the trunk of an ancient Hemlock tree. He has brought only a few tools of survival with him: a penknife, a ball of cord, an ax, 40 dollars, and some flint and steel to help him make fire. Using these simple tools and his wits, Sam learns to live off the land, and in the course of a year, discovers just how much he values freedom, independence, and adventure when faced with the challenges of blizzards, loneliness and fear.

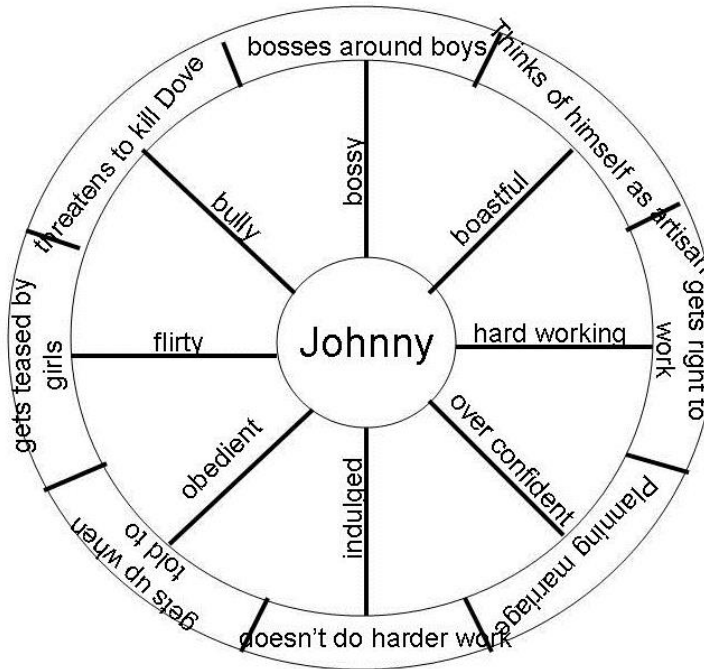
**In addition to completing the required reading novel**, students will read a book of choice and should be prepared for an in-class writing activity when they return to class. All students must use the following parameters as a guide for choosing an appropriate title. The book choice must have **never been read before**, and be at least **150 pages or more**.

**Parents are required to approve their child's choice before they begin reading.**

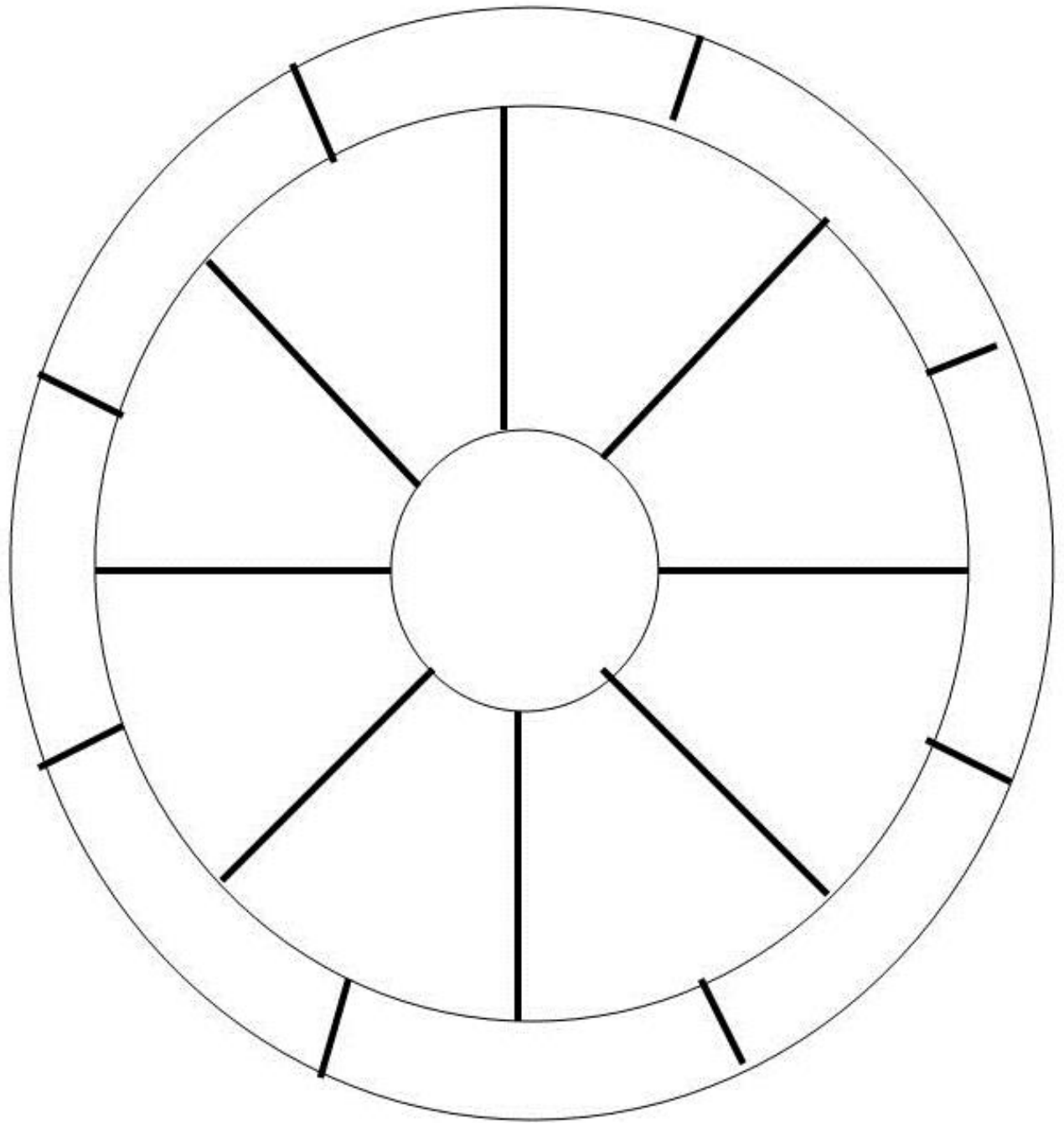
# ETGAR SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

## Instructions:

- You are to read at least 2 novels, *My Side of the Mountain* and one of your choosing. For both novels, you may also download the unabridged audio version to **accompany** your reading .
- For each book, the **Character Wheel** must be completed (**see diagram below**). Place main character's name in center. On each spoke of the wheel place a characteristic trait for that character. In the space, on the outer side of wheel, write your proof or evidence from the story which shows this trait in action.
- For each book, complete the **summary graphic organizer**.



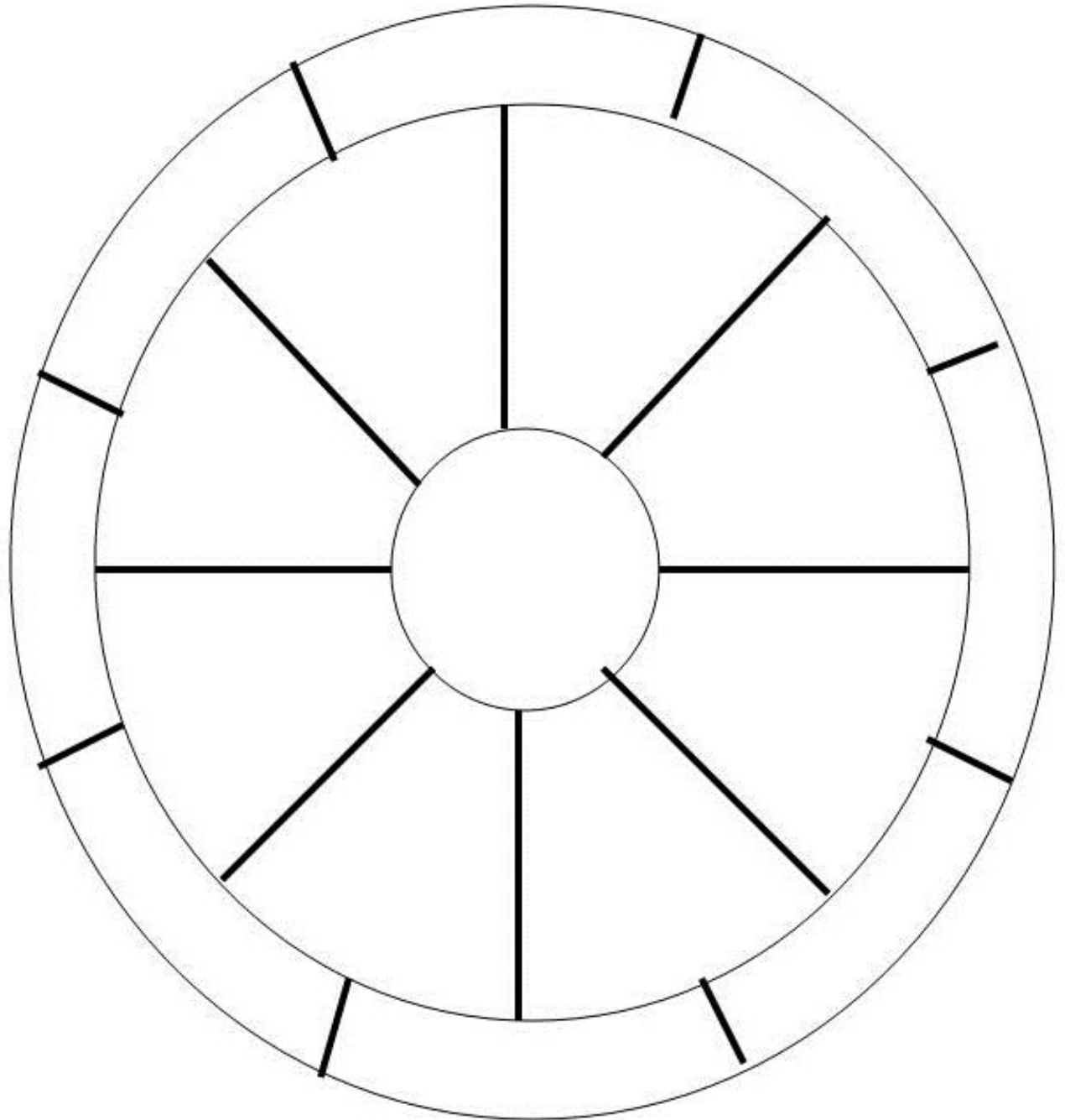
# CHARACTER WHEEL Book #1



## SUMMARY GRAPHIC ORGANIZER- Book #1

<b>TOPIC SENTENCE- Main idea/theme of book:</b>
<b>What is the story's title?</b>
<b>Who wrote the story?</b>
<b>Who is the main character(s)?</b>
<b>Where does the story take place?</b>
<b>What did the character want and/or what is the conflict?</b>
<b>But, what was the problem (rising action)?</b>
<b>So, how is the problem solved (climax)?</b>
<b>What now (falling action)?</b>
<b>How does it end (resolution)?</b>

CHARACTER WHEEL- Book #2



## SUMMARY GRAPHIC ORGANIZER- Book #2

<b>TOPIC SENTENCE- Main idea/theme of book:</b>
<b>What is the story's title?</b>
<b>Who wrote the story?</b>
<b>Who is the main character(s)?</b>
<b>Where does the story take place?</b>
<b>What did the character want and/or what is the conflict?</b>
<b>But, what was the problem (rising action)?</b>
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