



## Beautiful Words Summer Reading Assignment

*Adapted from pennykittle.net*

### **Overview of Assignment:**

As you read your chosen summer reading book, first and foremost, enjoy this time to read for pleasure, relaxation, and opportunity. While you are only asked to select one book, you are encouraged to read more!

During your reading, gather a collection of sentences, lines, and/or short excerpts that show the power of beautiful writing. Beautiful doesn't necessarily mean positive (as many of you are thinking). ***Beautiful is anything meaningful or powerful.***

You are not looking for the typical definition of "beauty" or "beautiful."

You are collecting beautiful, powerful, **meaningful writing**...line by line.

**For Example:** The character in your book could be struggling with a conflict that is internal, external, or both. Throughout the book, look for how the author is describing thoughts, images, reactions, etc. that make you take pause and think deeply. These are words that resonate and create **BEAUTY**.

***This is the power of beautiful writing.***

**Additional Examples:** if your book is about a school shooting, you can find the power in those lines...describing the fear; if your book is about war, you can find the power in those lines...describing the intensity of the situation.

The point is...author's weave words that create beauty, no matter what they are writing about.

Once you have collected beautiful words, follow the directions that follow to create your visual representation.

**The assignment will be due the first week of school. It will count as a Supportive Assessment grade. You will have the opportunity to conference with your English teacher prior to turning in your work.**

**Summer Reading Assignment Directions:**

1. Read and collect a minimum of 10 lines that represent **beautiful words**. As a suggestion, start your collection from the very moment you begin the book.
2. Create a one-page visual representation of the book that includes the following:

- **Title and author**
- **10 lines from your book (quoted) that demonstrate beautiful writing**
- **A brief statement about the power of beautiful words**
- **A brief explanation of one of the themes or central ideas found in the book**
- **A hand drawn image that represents some aspect of the book**

3. Review the scoring criteria before turning in your assignment. Should you have questions, please confer with your English teacher during the first week of school prior to turning in your work.

**Scoring Criteria:**

<b>Full Credit</b>	<b>Partial Credit</b>	<b>No Credit</b>
Title and Author	Title and Author	Assignment was not turned in and/or completed.
10 lines of beautiful writing	Less than 10 lines of beautiful writing	
Brief statement of the power of beautiful words	Statement of power of beautiful words missing or incomplete	
Brief explanation of one theme or central idea	Explanation of one theme or central idea missing or incomplete	
Hand-drawn image that represents the book	Hand-drawn image missing	
Few, if any, grammar or mechanics errors	Several grammar or mechanics errors	

Note: All parts MUST be HANDWRITTEN.





