**Mentor Text Reading Project**

In order to help you write your independent writing story, you will study a writer who is writing in the same genre as you. You will look closely at how the author develops characters, conflicts, settings, essential moments, and theme. Your purpose for looking at this author’s work is help you figure out what strong writing looks like in this genre and also how to develop important story elements (character, setting, conflict, essential moments, theme, etc.) in your own story. Choose a format to represent the information below. You can represent this information in any way you want!!! You don’t have to do the stupid chart. You can though! You will also need to submit your reading log with this project.

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| Story Element | Example of Author Developing this Element in Story  2-3 examples for each story element ( you can just write the pg. number if you want. You don’t have to rewrite the quote) | What is the writer doing that you like? How is the writer doing this? |
| Characterization  *When an author shows readers who ta character really is…* |  |  |
| Conflict  *External + Internal* |  |  |
| Setting |  |  |
| Essential Moment |  |  |
| Theme |  |  |

YOU ARE EXPECTED TO READ FOR 40 MINUTES EVERY DAY. THIS PROJECT SHOULD RELFECT 2 WEEKS OF WORK. 