

## Summer Reading Project

**The Six Pillars of Character** are part of the **Character Counts!** program that Presidio will be using next year. The Pillars of Character are common values we will all share in our community. Over the next year you will learn and practice these important values so that you will become a valued and contributing member of the communities in which you study and live.

### **DIRECTIONS:**

Using the Six Pillars of Character listed below, complete questions about the main character in your novel. On a separate piece of paper, put the following heading: your first and last name, name of the book, the book's author, and the name of the main character in your book. The heading should look like the one below.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of the book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Main Character: \_\_\_\_\_

Don't forget to write your full name and the rest of the heading at the top of your paper. Re-write the Pillar of Character that goes with each set of questions (the underlined word) and then each question that goes with your answer. Your answers to each question must be **at least three sentences**. Make sure you answer the questions in complete sentences. Use Shurley English and/or Six Trait Writing Conventions to make sure you have written complete sentences.

**You must bring these completed sheets to your teacher on the first day of school!!** You will be working with this information and the book you chose during the first week of school. If you do not read your novel over the summer and do not come prepared on the first day, you will be given an alternative assignment to complete on your own time. PLEASE come prepared to share your ideas and your book!!!! Reading the novel, completing your worksheet, and completing the book project will be part of your first quarter grade.

### **1. Trustworthiness: being honest, reliable and loyal**

Would you trust the main character of the novel you chose with a secret?

Would the character be a good friend to have?

### **2. Respect: being tolerant, using good manners and being considerate of others' feelings**

Is the main character of the novel you chose a respectful person?

Do you respect the main character?

### **3. Responsibility: doing your best, thinking before you act and making good choices**

Is the main character of your novel a responsible person?

Does he or she make good choices and take responsibility for the bad choices?

### **4. Fairness: playing by the rules, being open-minded and listening**

Do you consider the main character of your novel a fair person?

Does he or she treat all kinds of people the same, or does he or she treat certain people differently?

### **5. Caring: being kind, caring and helping people in need**

Do you think the main character of your novel is caring?

Does he or she help people, hurt people, or both?

### **6. Citizenship: helping your school and community, respecting authority, and being cooperative**

Would the main character of your novel be a good leader?