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English 10 Mrs. Filor

**Plot Summary for “An Event Worth Knowing” Independent Reading Book**

In your research paper, you will need to do three things with your novel. 1. You will need to create a works cited entry for your book to include on your works cited page. 2. You will need to give a brief plot summary of your novel. 3. You will need to find quotations from the novel that demonstrate your research subtopics. The provided graphic organizer will help with #3. Complete items #1 and #2 on this sheet.

Generally, one does not include plot summaries in a research paper. However, for this paper, a brief plot summary will help your reader (Mrs. Filor) put your research in context, especially since I haven’t read all of the books on the list. Your plot summary should not be long. It will be the first body paragraph of your paper and should only be one-half page typed. That means it should be a bare bones explanation of what happened in the book. I know some of the books are long and complex, but do your best to limit the length of your summary. Please include what happened in the beginning, middle, and end; don’t worry about ruining the ending for me. When you write your summary make sure to use the present tense. The present tense is often used in discussing literary works, particularly in summarizing the plot or subject of a work. This use of the present tense is called the ***literary present*.**

**Sample Works Cited Entries:**

**Lee, Harper. *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Grand Central Publishing, 1988.**

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**Your summary should fit onto the back of this sheet; please do not write more than that.**

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