Reading Quiz Review Notes

Vocabulary Terms

**Main Idea** - The message, opinion, or insight that is the focus or key concept in a piece of writing.

**Supporting Details** - Details that support the main idea of a piece of writing.

**Summarize** - Retelling the key parts of a story or piece of writing in your own words.

**Conflict** - A struggle between opposing forces.

**External Conflict** - A conflict that occurs between a character and an outside force.

**Internal Conflict** - A conflict that takes place within a character’s own mind.

**Imagery** - Writing that uses descriptive language to appeal to the senses.

**Figure of Speech** - Expression that suggests unexpected similarities between unrelated things.

**Metaphor** - A direct identification of two unlike things.

**Simile** - A comparison of two unlike things that links them with the words “like” or “as.”

**Personification** - Speaking or writing about a non-human thing as if it had human qualities.

**Symbol** - A person, place, thing, or event that has meaning in itself and also stands for something beyond itself.

\*Be able to differentiate between internal and external conflict

Examples:

Squeaky and Gretchen compete against each other to win the race. (External Conflict)

Squeaky struggles to decide whether or not to face Gretchen and her friends or to duck into a store until they pass by. (Internal Conflict)

\*Be able to differentiate between a metaphor, simile, and personification

Examples:

The lightning danced across the sky. (Personification)

She is a shining star. (Metaphor)

The house was as clean as a whistle. (Simile)