Reach for a book
when you want to feel friendly,
reach for a book
that’s happy-ever-end-y.

Reach for a book
when you’d like to be cozy,
reach for a book
when you’re cold in the nose-y.

Reach for a book,
turn the pages and find
you can match the mood.
of your rainbow mind.

Reach for a book
on a library shelf
and lose and find
your very own self.

By Eve Merriam
Title of the Book ______________________________
Author _____________________
What is the genre for this book? (check answer)
___ non-fiction  ___ historical fiction  ___ adventure
___ fantasy  ___ autobiography/biography
___ contemporary life and problems (teen issues)

Star Rating for this book? * * * * *
(circle—5 being the best)

What is the theme of this book? Often times there is more than one theme, choose the one you feel is the most important and provide “text-based” details to support your answer.
(Theme isn’t something that’s stated outright; it often appears as a lesson or message that the reader understands by reading between the lines.)

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Recommended Books for seventh graders to choose from:

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Other books I’ve read this summer: BONUS

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Author _____________________

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How is the main character similar and different from you? For example:

Do you have similar or different interests, goals or traditions? Use the Venn Diagram below to record your response and label the circles. Be sure to include at least 5 differences and three similarities.
Short Story Plot Diagram

EXPOSITION: This usually occurs at the beginning of a short story. Here the characters are introduced. We also learn about the setting of the story. Most importantly, we are introduced to the main conflict (main problem).

RISING ACTION—events leading up to the climax.

CLIMAX—main character comes face-to-face with a conflict and will change in some way.

FALLING ACTION: All loose ends of the plot are tied up. The conflict(s) and climax are taken care of.

RESOLUTION: ending to the story

Directions: Use your summer book and the notes on the plot diagram to help you complete the information below.

What is the setting?

List major character(s) and provide a brief description.

#2: First major event?

#2: Second major event?

#2: Third major event?

#3: What is the climax of the story?

#5: What is the resolution?