

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

### Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade's Summer Reading Project

Step 1- Read *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman.

Step 2- Brainstorm a list of several possible themes.

Step 3- Pre-write for evidence and a personal connection to at least two of these themes.

Step 4- Choose the theme you feel you can support with the best, most varied evidence from the book and can connect personally to your life.

Step 5- Organize your prewriting with this outline.

I. **Assertion:** Write a complete sentence including the title and author and what you believe the theme is.

--

II. **Evidence:** Write three specific ways that *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman shows this theme. At least one must be a quote from the book.

--	--	--

III. **Analysis:** Now discuss the theme in terms of your own life: how, when, where can you apply it? DO NOT write about ANY hypothetical situations, like "If I am ever on the moon, I'll take oxygen with me." You are not likely to go to the moon!

--

Step 6 – Draft a 5 paragraph essay from your outline.

Step 7 – Revise, improve and fix your draft.

**Due date: Friday, Aug. 17 – you will need a printed copy in your hand to turn in. Do not arrive to class and ask to print. Plan ahead and print before school or during Grizzly Time. Happy reading and writing!**