

WELCOME TO MS. DEANA SMITH'S  
9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
ENGLISH / LITERATURE

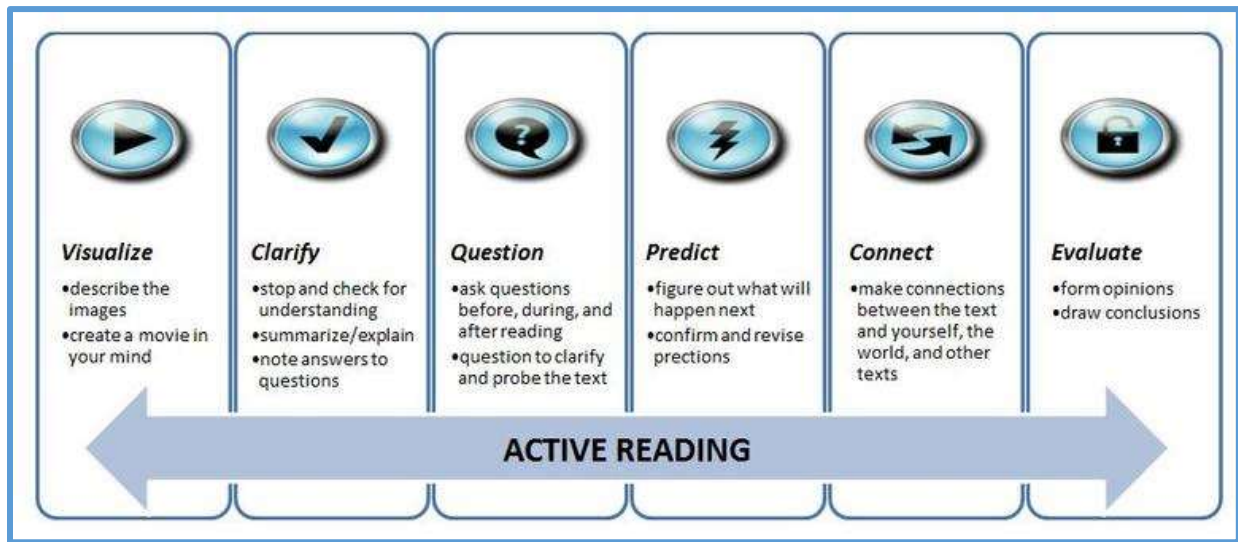
## Summer Reading Assignment

*"If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you."  
- Fred DeVito*

*"A man  
is what  
he is,  
Bob, and  
there's no  
breaking  
the  
mold."*

### Shane— Jack Schaefer

As you read this book, pay special attention to the heroic qualities Shane possesses. Be an active reader!! Highlight quotes that you find have a personal impact or are thought provoking. Take notes in the margins of your book. Circle text that you think may be important. As you read, **THINK!!** In your mind, compare the story to your own life or the life of someone you know. Question what you read. If you do not know the definition of a word, write the word on the front inside cover of the book... and **LOOK IT UP!!**



### What do I need to do over the summer?

- 1.) READ the book!!
- 2.) Read summaries from the internet to clarify your reading.
- 3.) I encourage you to watch the movie after you read the book!! It pulls everything together. (Watching the movie is not required, but I do believe you would enjoy it very much!)
- 4.) Answer the reading guide questions. This reading guide is very long. However, the questions can be answered quickly if you read the book as they ask mostly factual information. You do not have to answer these questions in complete sentences. Do not copy from the internet or each other. You will only be cheating yourself! The reading comprehension questions are due during class on the first day of school.
- 5.) Make your character cards! They are also due the first day of school.
- 6.) Prepare yourself for a reading comprehension test that will take place the first week of school.



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Ms. Deana's 9<sup>th</sup> Literature ~ 2018 Summer Reading Assignment ~ Comprehension Questions

## **SHANE** **Jack Schaefer**

*The following questions are due during class on the first day of school.  
Answer them AS YOU READ... They are designed to be answered in order*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ State and year serving as setting for story
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Mother was from this place
3. What was different about the man approaching the farm?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ What feature on the farm has given Joe Starrett the most difficult time?
5. What is Marion interested in hearing about from Shane?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ What are flannel cakes?
7. Why, do you think, Marion cries at the end of Chapter Three?
8. What do you think this means, "What a man knows isn't important. It's what he is that counts."
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Bob found Shane interesting for various reasons. Primarily, though, he thought it strange Shane DIDN'T carry something. What was the something Shane didn't have/carry?
10. Describe Shane's gun. (From the book)
11. At the end of Chapter Four, Bob's father warns him about something. What?
12. What does Fletcher want?

13. What can we assume will be the major conflict of the story?
14. When Shane went into town, “the new man” with Chris did **what** once he saw Shane?
15. Why do you think “the new man” would do that?
16. How does Chris try to embarrass Shane at Grafton’s?
17. Why didn’t Shane fight Chris – really – think about it…
18. How did Fletcher’s men bully the homesteaders?
19. What’s happening between Shane and Marion? Why?
20. Briefly describe what happened in Chapter Nine when the Starretts and Shane went to Grafton’s.
21. Why was this incident in the saloon important?
22. Why were Joe and Shane insistent they pay for the damages to the saloon?
23. At the end of Chapter Ten, **why** does Marion say, “Oh, Joe…kiss me. Hold me tight and don’t ever let go.”
24. What happens to Ernie Wright? What were the circumstances?

25. What, can the reader assume, is Fletcher's plan?
26. Why does Shane think that Joe could be mayor of their town one day?
27. \_\_\_\_\_ What offer does Fletcher make the Starretts?
28. \_\_\_\_\_ What does Joe tell Fletcher about the offer?
29. What does Shane say to Wilson? Why?
30. Explain Joe's quote, "Things could be worse. It helps a man to know that if anything happens to him, his family will be in better hands than his own."
31. Why does Shane knock Joe out?
32. What does Shane mean when he tells Marion, at the end of Chapter 13, "...Could I separate you in my mind and afterwards be a man?"
33. Why were so many people – people who weren't normally there – in the saloon?
34. Why does Wilson want Starrett and not Shane?
35. What happened to Wilson?
36. What happened to Fletcher?

37. What happened to Shane?
38. What did Shane mean when he said to Joe, "There's only one thing I can do for them now."
39. \_\_\_\_\_ Who comes to the Starrett's to ask about taking Shane's place on the farm?
40. Why do you think they agree?
41. Why, after everything that's happened, does Joe break down?
42. What happened to the story of Shane amongst the townspeople?
43. Why do you think Shane had such an impact on Bob?

# Shane Character Cards

*If you want to make a 100 on this assignment, you must...*

**Use Large Index Cards - Be Creative - Use Colors -  
Incorporate Pictures for Each Character**

*AND DO THE FOLLOWING...*

**1**

*FRONT OF CARD SHOULD CONTAIN THE NAME OF THE CHARACTER*

**2**

*BACK OF THE CARD SHOULD CONTAIN...*

- *2 important quotes either said by or spoken about the character (include the chapter the quote comes from)*
- *At least 5 bulleted facts that you think you should remember about the character*

## **CHARACTERS (MAKE SURE YOU NUMBER EACH):**

1 - Luke Fletcher

2 - Joe Starrett

3 - Marion Starrett

4 - Robert McPherson Starrett

5 - Shane

6 - Chris

7 - Jake Ledyard

8 - Ironwood

9 - Morley

10 - Sam Grafton

11 - Lew Johnson

12 - Henry Shipstead

13 - Ernie Wright

14 - Will Atkey

15 - Red Marlin

16 - Mr. Weir

17 - Stark Wilson

18 - Frank Torrey

