

## 7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

### **Directions:**

Read the novel *We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success* by Dr. Sampson Davis, Dr. George Jenkins, and Dr. Rameck Hunt (with Sharon Draper). Then, complete the Radial Symmetry Graph. During the first week of school, you will be given directions on how to submit this assignment on Google Classroom. You will also be given a comprehension test on Friday, August 16th (odd classes) and Monday, August 19th (even classes), so be sure to reread the novel to keep the details fresh in your mind. Students have the option to either purchase the novel or borrow one from the Media Center to ensure they have access to the text.

### **Radial Symmetry Graph Directions:**

While you read the novel, choose an individual, and take notes on the traits that the individual possesses. You can choose an individual who you relate to the most, who faced the biggest challenges, who showed the most resilience, who inspired you the most, whose journey you found most compelling, whose experiences taught you valuable life lessons, or whose actions/decisions you found particularly admirable. Then, based on the meanings of the colors in the symbolism chart below, create a radial symmetry graph to represent the traits of your individual. In addition to the choice of colors, the *amount* of color should be significant. The more dominant a trait that your individual displays, the larger the section of the graph and the more you use the representative color in your design.

### **Requirements:**

- You must use at least **three colors** in your design.
- For each color, you must type a well-written paragraph on a Google Doc explaining your color choice and amount, and you must use at least one specific example (textual evidence) from the story to support your choice. Remember to analyze or further explain your evidence. Have this document readily available in your Google drive so that you can easily attach it to the assignment when your teacher posts it in Google Classroom.

- If you complete the graph digitally, have the file readily available in your Google drive. If you print the graph, use a ruler, neatly color it, and scan the file to your Google drive.

### ***SYMBOLISM CHART***

<b>Red</b>	passion, anger, excitement
<b>Pink</b>	love and romance, caring, tenderness
<b>Beige or Ivory</b>	quiet and pleasantness
<b>Yellow</b>	joy, happiness, optimism
<b>Dark Blue</b>	knowledge, power, and seriousness
<b>Blue</b>	peace, tranquility, calmness
<b>Purple</b>	royalty, spirituality, wisdom
<b>Lavender</b>	femininity, grace and elegance
<b>Orange</b>	energy, enthusiasm, vibrance
<b>Green</b>	nature, good luck, generosity, jealousy
<b>Brown</b>	reliability, comfort, endurance
<b>White</b>	simplicity, cleanliness, peace, innocence
<b>Black</b>	power, sophistication, sadness, death
<b>Gray</b>	security, conservative, practical

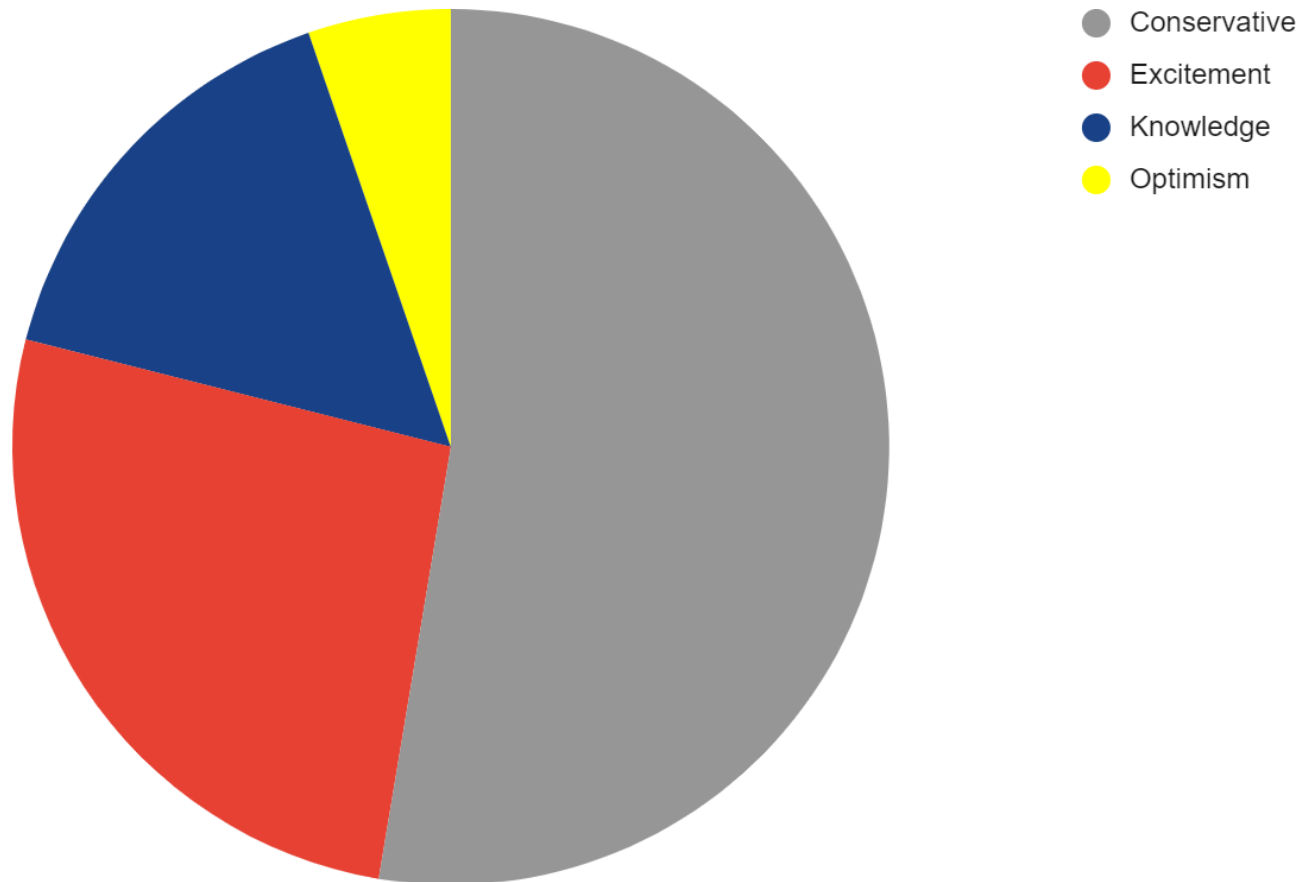
**Example paragraph from Rapunzel (See graph below):**

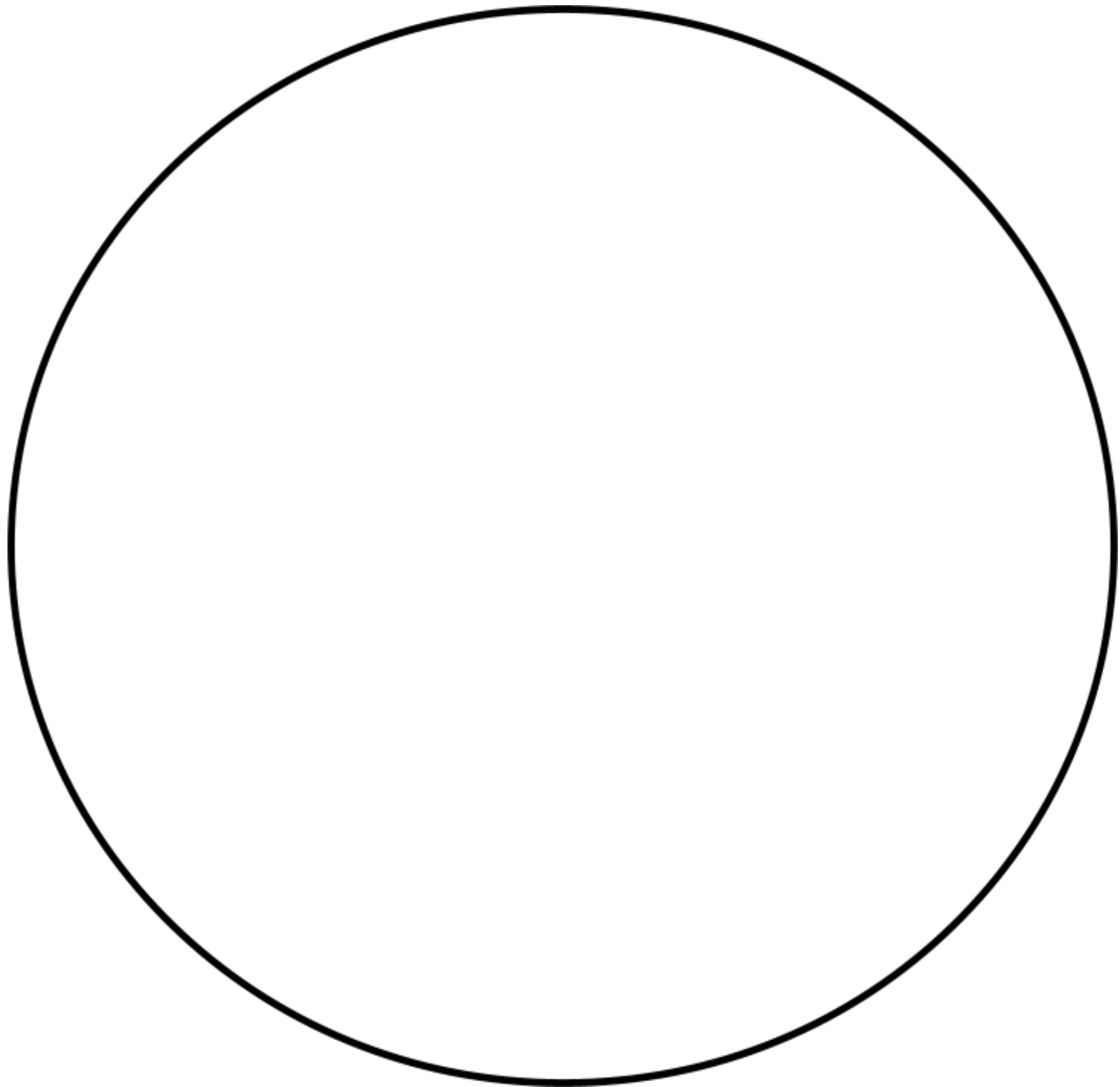
The color “red” represents the excitement Rapunzel felt when she finally gathered the courage to leave the tower and experience the outside world that she had dreamt about and longed for all her life. For example, she exclaims, “I can’t believe I did this!” Rapunzel goes on to experience a myriad of emotions as she realizes how her mother might react to her disobedience, but ultimately, Rapunzel’s excitement and curiosity outweighed

the fear of her Mother's warnings and strict rules. This action in the plotline begins the love story between the two main characters as they encounter the various conflicts within the tale together. "Red" is the perfect color to symbolize this because it shows the anger Mother Gothel will unleash at Rapunzel's actions, the excitement of Rapunzel's first step on fresh grass, and the love that Flynn Ryder and Rapunzel will develop over the course of the fairy tale.

\*\*Please note, your paragraph does not need to include every word listed in your chosen color.

**Radial Symmetry Graph Example from Rapunzel:**





## SUMMER READING RADIAL SYMMETRY RUBRIC

**TOTAL POSSIBLE: 100**

A	B	C	D
Radial Symmetry Graph is <b>neatly</b> and <b>purposefully</b> colored with at least <b>3</b> colors that represent <b>3 traits</b> of the individual ____ 25	Radial Symmetry Graph is colored <b>somewhat</b> neatly and purposefully with at least <b>3</b> colors that represent <b>3 traits</b> of the individual ____ 20	Radial Symmetry Graph is colored with at least <b>2</b> colors that represent <b>2 traits</b> of the individual ____ 15	Radial Symmetry Graph is colored with at least <b>1</b> color that represents <b>1 trait</b> of the individual ____ 10
One well-written paragraph <b>explanation</b> is given for each color that uses at least one <b>specific</b> piece of <b>textual evidence</b> to support the choice of color ____ 25	An explanation is given for each color <b>but may not be fully supported</b> with specific textual evidence ____ 20	An explanation is <b>attempted</b> but some textual support may be <b>missing</b> at times or <b>vague</b> ____ 15	Attempts at explaining color choices are <b>inadequate</b> and provide no textual support ____ 10
The textual evidence is <b>thoroughly</b> explained or analyzed ____ 25	Textual analysis may be <b>superficial</b> and the elaboration is weak ____ 20	Textual analysis may be <b>missing</b> or <b>vague</b> (or difficult to read) ____ 15	<b>No</b> textual analysis ____ 10
Grammatical and mechanical mistakes are virtually <b>non-existent</b> ____ 25	Grammatical and mechanical mistakes are <b>minimal</b> ____ 20	May contain grammatical and mechanical mistakes ____ 15	May have <b>numerous</b> grammatical and mechanical mistakes ____ 10