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Summer Reading – Written Response

This summer rising 8th grade girls read *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. This is a Bildungsroman novel, a coming-of-age story about each of the four March sisters. Choose your favorite March girl and compose an essay briefly describing that sister's life and characteristics. Explain what about her appeals to you the most. Use direct examples from the book to support your choice.

- A full credit (20 points), well-constructed paragraph should:
 - Be 8-12 sentences (3 points)
 - Have a topic sentence that restates the question being asked. (5 points)
 - Have supporting sentences with evidence from the story. (6 points)
 - Have a concluding sentence. (3 points)
 - Be edited for indentation, punctuation, spelling, etc. (1 point will be deducted for each type of mistake)
 - Be on a properly headed piece of paper, typed (12-point font), and double spaced. (2 points)
 - Have this paper attached to the front of your essay. (1 point)

- There are no right or wrong answers, only supported or unsupported opinions. You may use 1st person – I, me, or my, but you may not say “In this essay...” or “In this paper...” Don’t talk about your paragraph in your paragraph.