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Instructions

Summer reading reports, also called Response to Literature, are guided book reports. They must be typed, double spaced, using 1" margins on all side, and using 12 point font. The minimum length of each response is 500 words, and the maximum is 750 words.



Please keep in mind that the summer reading constitutes 15% of your first quarter grade

Heading

English 11	Name
Response to Literature	Date

Introductory Paragraph

The introduction must include the title, author, genre, and a very brief plot summary.

Body Paragraphs

Discuss each book with respect to its literary elements and devices.

- Setting (elements and purpose as well as its effect on plot development and mood of the story)
- Characterization (How are characters developed?)
- Conflict (Describe the central conflict. How does it drive the plot? What type of conflict is it: man vs. external force, man vs. self, man vs. man?)
- Plot Development (rising action, climax resolution, conclusion)
- Use of other literary devices: flashback foreshadowing, irony, etc.
- Point of view and how it affects the story (first person, third person limited or omniscient)
- Theme (meaning or message being conveyed through the story)

Comments on Body Paragraph Content

Discuss as many of these elements as necessary to produce a well-developed body that shows depth of thought and insight. However, do not go into great detail on *all* of these elements. Discuss at least three elements in detail. The content of the body paragraphs will constitute the majority of the 50% Content Rubric.

Conclusion

The conclusion should consist of your personal thoughts about the book and include some or all of the following:

- How much you liked or disliked the book and why you felt that way.
- How the compares to other books you have read (by the same author or other authors).
- To whom you would recommend this book.
- Any way you relate to the story or to the characters personally.
- Any other books by the same author or of the same genre that you might like to read after reading this book.

