

Independent Novel Study

Student's Name: _____

Title of Novel

Author:

Number of Pages: _____

Novel Study Due Date: _____

Do not lose this booklet. You will need to hand it in at the end of your novel study. You are expected to have the reading log and word list filled in. Replaced booklets will result in a loss of 5 points.

I Wonder?

Four questions I had before I started reading:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Four questions I had while I was reading the novel/story:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Four questions I had after I finished reading this novel/story:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Novel Study Activities

In addition to doing the mandatory activities (Reading Log, Word List, Group Discussions, I Wonder...), you will be required to select 4 additional activities. Two of the activities must be from list A and two activities can be selected from list B.

List A

- 1. Diary Writing** Pretend that you are a character in the novel. Write three diary entries explaining three different events that occurred in the novel.
- 2. Character Web** Identify all the different characters in the novel and describe the relationships between them.
- 3. Book Review** Pretend that you are a writer for a book review magazine. Write an article evaluating the novel and make some recommendations to your readers. Do not retell the story.
- 4. Sequel/Ending** Write a short sequel to your novel or rewrite a different ending.
- 5. Character Addition** Create another character that would fit into your story. Write another chapter or choose one event to rewrite using that character. Remember to include a good description of your character.
- 6. Interview** Write an interview with one of the major characters from your novel.
- 7. Questions** Make up 8 questions about your novel. Four of the questions can be “right there questions”, two of the questions should be “search and think”, and two of the questions will be “up to you”. On a separate sheet, write the answers to your questions.
- 8. Author’s View** Pretend that you’re the author and describe the part that was the most fun or hardest to write. Explain why?
- 9. Character Evolution** Explain how a character in the book changed from the beginning to the end.
- 10. Villains** If the book has a villain, why was his or her punishment justified.

List B

- 11. Character Comparison** Create Venn Diagrams comparing and contrasting the characters from the story.
- 12. Time Line** Create a chronological timeline of the major events in the novel.
- 13. Problem Solving** Identify four problems or emergencies that occurred in your novel. Make a chart listing the problem, who was involved, how the problem was solved, and other possible solutions to the problem.
- 14. Mobile** Make a mobile that represents your story. Remember to include characters, setting, and events from your story. Place the title and author's name near the top.
- 15. Excitement Graph** Create an excitement graph. You must include a minimum of ten events and three ratings (ie: high, medium, low). Be sure to title each event or chapter.
- 16. Illustrations** Draw three pictures. Include at least one illustration from the beginning, the middle, and the end of the novel. Be sure to include a caption.
- 17. Map** Draw a map that includes all the different places in your novel. Include labels and a legend if needed.
- 18. Diorama** Make a 3-D model from a scene in your novel.
- 19. Book Cover** Redraw a different book cover for your novel.
- 20. Self Comparison** Create a Venn Diagram and identify the similarities and differences between the protagonist of the story and yourself.

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Independent Novel Study Checklist

Booklet handed in with correct information: Yes No (____ /10)

Comments: _____

Activity One: _____

Activity shows understanding of the novel: Yes No (____ /10)

Comments: _____

Activity Two: _____

Activity shows understanding of the novel: Yes No (____ /10)

Comments: _____

Activity Three: _____

Activity shows understanding of the novel: Yes No (____ /10)

Comments: _____

Activity Four: _____

Activity shows understanding of the novel: Yes No (____ /10)

Comments: _____

Total Score: _____ / 50 **Mark:** _____

If you feel that you could have done a better job, please make changes and resubmit your work.