

Honors American Literature and Composition (Grade 10)
Summer Reading Logs

Directions: Using a separate document for each novel, answer the following 7 questions based on literary elements. Type the title of the literary work on each separate log and then number each log with #1 through #7. Write in complete sentences and edit for proper capitalization, punctuation, sentence structure, and spelling. Provide specific textual evidence from the novel to support your answers. Each log is worth 15 points, totaling 60 points for the Summer Reading Logs assignment. Make sure your reading logs are typed on Google Docs so that all four of your summer reading logs can be submitted on Google Classroom by Friday, August 18.

Title of Literary Work:

Narration/Style

1. Who is telling the story? Is the story being told as it happens or recalled from past events? To what extent should you trust the narrator? (3 points)

2. How would you describe the narrator's tone? Think about the narrator's attitude towards his/her subject. Include a quote from the novel that illustrates the tone. (2 points)

Characterization

4. Pick one MAJOR character and answer the following questions:
 - a. What conflicts does the character face both internally and externally? (2 points)
 - b. Does the character change in response to the experiences in the story? Explain why the character can be considered static or dynamic. (2 points)
 - c. How does the character relate to the others in the story? (1 point)

Setting/ Atmosphere

5. How does the historical setting affect the story's outcome, characters, or meaning? How would the story change in a different time period or setting? (2 points)

Theme

6. What central message does this story convey about the thematic concept of the American dream? Think about the human condition of the characters and what their hopes are, as this becomes a universal theme throughout the literature in this course. (1 point)

Symbolism

7. Select one symbol from the novel and explain what the symbol selection represents on a deeper level. Remember that symbols can be found in not just objects, but in characters' names, the weather utilized in setting descriptions, color psychology, etc. (2 points)