

## Summer Reading Log - Honors Introduction to Literature & Composition

Title of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Genre: \_\_\_\_\_

**Literary Elements:** *Answer the following questions about literary elements in complete, well-developed sentences. You should not use an online resource or literary notes to answer these questions.*

### Plot

1. Develop a paragraph (8-10 sentences) that sufficiently summarizes the main plot points within the novel.
2. What is the context of the work (historical, social, cultural, political, environmental, religious, economic)?
3. Which of the following do you think most significantly influences the shape and function of the story - Cultural traditions, religion, attitudes/beliefs about other ethnicities/lifestyles, personal biases, stereotypes, or another? How so? Explain.

### Setting:

4. What is the setting of the novel (both time and place)?
5. How does this story's setting affect the development of the plot?
6. How might story details be different if the time and place were different?

### Point of view:

7. From what/whose point of view is this story being told?
8. How would you describe the voice of the narrator and how it influences the tone of the story?
9. To what extent can you trust the narrator?

### Characters:

10. Who is the protagonist?
11. Identify a few character traits for this character? Explain your choices.
12. How does the protagonist change in response to his/her experiences?

13. Does this story have an antagonist?
14. Which character do you most identify with and why?
15. Did your perception of any character change from the beginning of the story to the end? Explain.

**Conflict:**

16. Identify 3 main sources of conflict or tension for one or multiple characters within this story. Explain your choices.

**Symbolism:**

17. Identify one image or symbol that holds a deeper, more significant meaning within this novel. Explain your choice.

**Significant Passage:**

18. Identify a significant passage in this novel that stood out to you. Provide the passage and page number.
19. How/why does this passage hold significance? Explain your answer.

**Personal Reflection:**

20. When you first began reading this novel, what were your first impressions (likes/dislikes)?
21. After completing the novel, what are your final thoughts?
22. What factors most influence your interpretation of this story - Experiences you've had, cultural bias, gender, economic status, etc? Explain your choice.
23. What stands out to you as the most important/compelling detail within this novel?
24. What insights can we gain from reading this story? In other words, what can we learn from this novel on an individual basis or as a society? Explain.
25. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?