

Summer Reading Log - Honors Introduction to Literature & Composition

Literary Elements: *Answer the following questions about literary elements in complete, well-developed sentences. Each response should be completed in at least 3-5 sentences unless a question says otherwise. You should be providing specific textual evidence from the novel to support your answer. You may not use an online resource or literary notes to answer these questions. Be sure to revise for any grammatical errors.*

Title of work: _____

Author: _____

Genre: _____

Plot

1. Develop a paragraph (8-10 sentences) that sufficiently summarizes the main plot points within the novel.
2. 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 by supporting your answer with story details.

Setting:

3. What is the setting of the novel (both time and place)? How does this story's setting affect the development of the plot? Explain by supporting your answer with story details.

Point of view:

4. From what/whose point of view is this story being told? How would you describe the voice of the narrator and how it influences the tone of the story? Explain by supporting your answer with story details.

Characters:

5. Who is the protagonist?
6. Identify 3 character traits for this character? Explain your choices.
7. Who would be considered this book's antagonist? In other words, who or what causes conflict for the protagonist? Explain your answer.
8. Which character do you most identify with and why?

Conflict:

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

Symbolism:

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

Significant Passage:

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

Personal Reflection:

12. When you first began reading this novel, what were your first impressions (likes/dislikes)? After completing the novel, what are your final thoughts?
13. What stands out to you as the most important/compelling detail within this novel? Why?
14. 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.
15. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not? Explain.