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Senior English Summer Reading Assignment

Directions: Utilize your Summer Reading Novel to complete each section of the summer reading assignment accurately. **If you need additional space, utilize a separate piece of paper.**

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Reading Journal

In the chart below, take notes on the following literary elements as you read the novel. You should have a minimum of 10 bullet points in each section. Additionally, you must include at least one direct quote from the novel in each section. You will use your notes to complete the summer reading essay.

Theme

What important idea or theme does this literary work convey?

What message does the author have for their readers?

Characters

What do characters do that helps illustrate the author's purpose/theme? Who is the main character of the novel and how does their journey throughout the novel impact the author's purpose or message?

Plot

What events take place in the work that help to illustrate the author's purpose or message?

Symbols

**Are there any recurrent images or clusters of images?
Do these images support the idea or theme that you find in the work?**

Literary Conflict

**Are there any conflicts between characters or that the main character internally struggles with that
illustrate the author's purpose or message?**

Summer Reading Essay

You will choose ONE of the following prompts below and write an essay using evidence from your summer reading novel and the notes from your reading journal.

Your essay must:

- Be typed and in MLA Format
- Must be a minimum of 5 paragraphs.
- Must include direct evidence from the text with proper in-text citations.

Persuasive Essay

Write an essay in which you persuade your audience to read your summer reading novel. What things did you enjoy about the novel? What did the author do well? What elements of the novel are most effective in achieving its message, characters, plot, symbolism, etc.?

Informative Essay

Choose an aspect of your novel to further research and write an informative essay on that topic. What historical, literary, or modern connections can be made to your novel? What is something in your novel that you found interesting that you want to know more about? You must cite outside sources from your research in a work cited page at the end of your essay.

Literary Analysis Essay

Using your reading notes from the novel, write a well-organized essay that identifies the theme you believe the author conveys through the novel. How does the author use characters, events, and literary devices to illustrate the theme? Use evidence from the text to support your analysis.