

Name: _____

Sophomore Summer Reading Assessment:

2014-2015

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

Year of Publication: _____

As you work on your summer reading, answer the following prompts using the specified number of sentences. *You will have to research some of this information via internet or at the library.* Follow all directions for full credit.

1. Give a brief biography of the author.

Look up information about the author's life and write two or three sentences that describe the author. Keep an eye out for events in the author's life which may have influenced the novel.

2. Summarize the book.

In your own words, give a brief account of the major events in the book. This could take a few paragraphs.

3. Describe the author's writing style.

Is the book easy to read, or difficult? Does the author have a large vocabulary? Etc.

4. Choose at least three important quotes from the book and explain their importance to the story.
You can explain each quote in one or two sentences. If the quote is something a character says, include the name of the character who said it and the page number. If it is description from the author, include only the page number.

5. Give a brief description of the setting of the story.
Give an overview (time period, general location, etc.), not a list of every place the characters visit.

6. List and describe 2 – 5 major symbols and/or motifs from the book.
Write at least a sentence describing each symbol you list. If you cannot find enough on your own, consult the internet to help you.

7. What are the major themes of the novel?
Choose at least 2 and write a 3-sentence paragraph explaining each one.