

Name: _____ English Teacher: _____ Novel: _____

Directions: Please complete the following reading journal. In some areas, it is necessary to pull direct quotes from your book. Please be sure to **include page numbers** when you do so.

1. Identify the type (genre) of fiction you are reading. 2. What similarities amongst literary elements do you see between the different genres? 3. What are some differences in style?

1. Describe the setting AND its importance to the characters and plot.

Find a quote that demonstrates some details about the setting. Include the parenthetical citation (Author's last name and page number).

What does this quote show us about how setting affects plot?

1. Identify and describe the protagonist and antagonist. 2. Provide details from the novel that established these characters.

<p>Protagonist Quote (with parenthetical citation) that reveals something significant about the character:</p>	<p>Antagonist Quote (with parenthetical citation) that reveals something significant about the character:</p>
<p>What <i>character traits</i> does this quote demonstrate about the protagonist?</p>	<p>What <i>character traits</i> does this quote demonstrate about the antagonist?</p>
<p>1. Who are the major and minor characters? 2. How are the interactions of characters helping to develop plot and conflict?</p>	
<p>1. Choose a character. 2. How is he/she relatable to the reader? 3. If you were to meet this character, would you befriend him/her? 4. Why or why not? 5. What is it about the character that draws the reader to him/her or repels the reader?</p>	

1. At this point in the novel, explain the major conflict and identify the type (man vs. self, man vs. nature, man vs. society, etc.)

Example from the text that demonstrates the conflict:

How does this conflict affect the *overall plot* of the novel?

1. What is the POV (point of view)? 2. How would changing the POV change your understanding/relationship with the novel?

Example that demonstrates the POV:

How does this impact the reader's understanding?

1. What common life problem is the focus of your novel? 2. What is the solution to the problem or advice for the reader?

1. What is the climax of the novel? 2. How do you know?

1. How does your novel end? 2. Is the resolution acceptable/believable? 3. Why or why not? 4. What would you change about the resolution?

1. How do the elements of the story work together? 2. What ideas or observations about life do they reveal?

1. What is the inciting incident in your novel (the moment that allows the plot to truly begin/take off)? 2. Which characters are involved in the inciting incident? 3. How does setting and/or conflict play a role in the inciting incident?

1. **Connect** the first quarter of your novel (**setting, characters, plot**) to something else you have read, viewed, experienced, heard about, believe, etc. 2. Why are making connections between literature, art, life, society, and culture important?

Choose 3 of the following literary devices (choose three DIFFERENT devices): Metaphor, Simile, Hyperbole, Personification, Alliteration, Allusion, Foreshadowing, Flashback, Imagery, Irony, Symbolism

1. Find an example of each chosen device.
2. Write the quote that utilizes the device and the parenthetical citation.
3. Then, explain how the use of the device impacts the story.