

Independent Novel Study Unit

NOTE: Although you will be allowed class time to read the novel and work on the unit, it is expected that you will read and work on this assignment outside of class as well. In addition, you will be responsible for completing other classroom work and assignments while working on this independent novel study unit. You will be assessed on Process as well as Final Product so how you work during class is part of your assessment

READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

There are 4 parts to this Unit and it is a major part of your reading mark for the term. Writing and Media Literacy will also be assessed.

All work must be handed in together stapled, in a folder, or a duotang. You must have a title page on the front which includes the name of your novel, the author, your name, your class.

Timeline: 4 weeks (the month of April).

TASK: Read your novel and complete the following:

Part A: Vocabulary

As you read the novel, write down 10 words that you are unfamiliar with. Note their page numbers so that you can go back and reference them. You must use the template provided (at the end of this package).

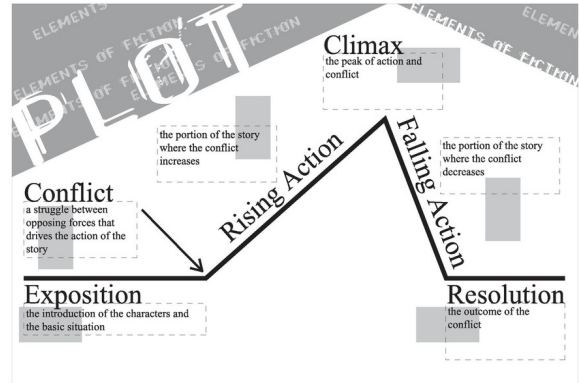


- a) Find a detailed dictionary definition for each word and then
- b) Write the sentence from the novel showing how it is used.
- c) Create your own sentence using the word.

Part B: Elements of a Novel

You must complete each question below in sentence form after you have read your novel.

- 1) Describe the setting of your novel. Be specific and make sure you have touched upon 4 of the 5 areas that make up the setting.
- 2) Write a brief description of the protagonist, antagonist, and two secondary characters who have an influence on the protagonist or antagonist in your novel. (1 paragraph)
- 3) Describe 2 types of conflict in your novel and give examples to backup your thoughts.
- 4) Draw a plot diagram and use point form notes to indicate the main events of your novel.
- 5) What is the theme of your novel?



Part C: Demonstration of Reading Comprehension ~ Student Choice ~

Choose 1 item from each category below to complete. Some items may need to be performed for Mrs. Wiggins.



CHARACTER

1. Make a timeline of the events in the life of the main character.
2. Make up five interview questions (with answers) for the main character .
3. Explain at least three ways the author tells you about the main character.

WRITING

1. Write any type of poem about your book (at least 15 lines) .
- 2 . Write a letter to a friend describing this book that you are going to send to him.
- 3 . Keep a journal as you read the book : your reactions , thoughts , feelings .
- 4 . Write an obituary for one character in your book.

- 5 . Write two articles for a newspaper published at the time of, or in the country of your book.
- 6 . Write a diary for your favourite character .
- 7 . Write a character profile of a person in your book ten years older or younger than he / she was in the story .

DRAMA / SPEAKING / LISTENING

1. Deliver a sales talk for your book.
2. Read a descriptive passage from your book to the class . Prepare a listening quiz.
3. Choose music to accompany an oral reading of a section of your book.
4. Roleplay a main character and have the class ask the character questions .

Part D - Media

Using iMovie, create a book trailer for your novel. It must be between 30 seconds and 1 minute long. Below are some examples of book trailers. The marking rubric is attached.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZ46yR-Lo8c>

<https://youtu.be/zC5MJ30KiWo>



Independent Novel Study Unit Template: Vocabulary

Create, complete and submit the following chart (12pt font, Times New Roman)

1	Word: Page: a) Definition b) Book Sentence c) Student Sentence	
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