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Class Period:

Summer Independent Reading 6-9 Classic Novel Grading Rubric

ELEMENT	CRITERIA			Points Earned
Personal Response (25)	The personal response should be one paragraph (at least 5 sentences) that explains the student's opinion of the book. It should begin with either "I like the book because" or "I didn't like the book because".			each missing sentence (-5) if opinion isn't clear (up to -15)
Setting (10)	The setting element should be a clear description of how a movie director might plan the set. It must include "time when", "place where", and exact details of the book's setting			missing "time when" (-3) or "place where" (-3) missing exact details (up to -5)
Characterization (30)	In the characterization element list 5 important characters and briefly describe each one's physical appearance and personality.			each missing character (-2) each missing description of personality (-2)
Theme (10)	The theme element should be a good paragraph of at least 6 sentences that is about one of the themes in your book. State the theme in the topic sentence; the remaining sentences must support your opinion about the theme. Make sure to use information from the book and give the page number where you found the information.			missing topic sentence with theme (-2) missing information from the book/page number (up to -5)
Plot (25)	Create a plot line including conflict, 5 events leading to the turning point, the turning point, 4 elements leading to the resolution, the resolution. Include chapters where each event occurs.			missing conflict (-2), events before and after turning point (-2 each), turning point (-3), resolution (-2)
Additional Penalties	2 point deduction for written rather than typed submission	5 point deduction for missing MLA heading and format (include novel on title line)	2 point deduction for minor errors in MLA format	1/2 point deduction for each mechanical or grammatical error (up to 10 points)

Grade Earned:

*The penalty for plagiarism at Aurora Christian School is an automatic zero on the assignment and disciplinary action, including suspension. There are no exceptions to this rule; excuses of "accident", "misunderstanding", or "ignorance" will not be accepted. Any and all essays, papers and projects are subject to these guidelines. Remember to give credit where credit is due...always!!!