

BOOK REPORT--STANDARD FORM

ANSWERS SHOULD BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

YOU WILL BE GRADED ON CONTENT, NEATNESS, SPELLING, GRAMMAR, ETC.

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF LINED PAPER.

SAVE THIS SHEET FOR POSSIBLE USE WITH ANOTHER BOOK REPORT

1. GIVE THE NAME OF YOUR BOOK, THE AUTHOR, AND THE NUMBER OF PAGES IN THE BOOK. TELL IF YOU READ THE WHOLE BOOK OR NOT
2. DESCRIBE THE SETTING OF THE STORY. SETTING MEANS WHERE AND WHEN THE STORY TAKES PLACE. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE THE STORY IN TIME AND PLACE. NOT ALL STORIES WILL GIVE THE EXACT DATES OR LOCATIONS, BUT YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DESCRIBE THE KIND OF TIME AND PLACE THE STORY HAPPENS.
3. TELL WHAT THE MAIN CHARACTER IN THE STORY IS LIKE. ESPECIALLY DESCRIBE HIM IN TERMS OF HIS PERSONALITY. USE SEVERAL WORDS OR PHRASES THAT YOU FEEL BEST DESCRIBES THE MAIN CHARACTER. SUPPORT YOUR DESCRIPTION WITH SPECIFIC EXAMPLES FROM THE BOOK
4. COMMENT ON THE STYLE OF THE BOOK. STYLE MEANS HOW WAS THE BOOK TO READ AND WHAT THINGS THE AUTHOR DID TO MAKE IT THAT WAY. IT CAN INCLUDE ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: LEVEL OF VOCABULARY, LENGTH OF SENTENCES, READING DIFFICULTY, USE OF DESCRIPTIVE LANGUAGE, ETC.
5. WHAT KIND OF CONFLICT TAKES PLACE IN YOUR BOOK. CONFLICT MEANS THE MAIN CHARACTER IS TRYING TO DO SOMETHING AND THERE IS SOMEONE OR SOMETHING WORKING AGAINST HIM. CONFLICTS ARE GENERALLY MAN VS MAN, MAN VS NATURE, MAN VS HIMSELF, OR SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THESE. TELL WHAT KIND OF CONFLICT WAS OPERATING IN YOUR STORY AND TELL HOW THE CONFLICT WAS RESOLVED.
6. TRY TO DETERMINE THE THEME OF YOUR BOOK. THEME MEANS THE MORAL OR MESSAGE THAT THE AUTHOR IS TRYING TO GET ACROSS BY HAVING WRITTEN THE STORY. ANOTHER WAY TO APPROACH THIS QUESTION IS TO ASK YOURSELF THE QUESTION "WHAT DO I THINK THE AUTHOR WAS TRYING TO TELL ME ABOUT PEOPLE, LIFE, RELATIONSHIPS, HUMAN EFFORT, ETC." THEME WILL USUALLY BE SOMETHING ABSTRACT AND VERY GENERAL. IT IS O.K. TO THINK OF THEME AS THE "MORAL OF THE STORY, ALTHOUGH THAT IS OVERSIMPLIFYING JUST A BIT.
7. WHAT PART OF THE STORY DID YOU LIKE THE BEST. DESCRIBE THAT PART AND TELL WHY YOU LIKED IT.
8. WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THIS BOOK TO A FRIEND? WHY OR WHY NOT?
9. HAVE YOU READ OTHER BOOKS SIMILAR TO THIS ONE OR OTHER BOOKS BY THE SAME AUTHOR? IF YES, WHICH OTHER BOOKS
10. SUMMARIZE THE PLOT OF THE STORY. PLOT MEANS THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE STORY IN THE ORDER THAT THEY TOOK PLACE. THIS IS THE KIND OF ANSWER THAT YOU WOULD GIVE TO SOMEONE IF THEY ASKED YOU WHAT THE STORY WAS ALL ABOUT.