

Independent Novel Study

ALL WORK FOR NOVEL STUDY THAT IS IN PRINT FORM , MUST BE COMPLETED ON THE COMPUTER.

1. Write the name of your novel and the author.
2. Using a plot diagram, outline the various parts of your novel including only the major points.
3. List the main characters in your novel and give a brief outline of each one (using full sentences of course).
4. Complete the following questions from the "Core" sections found below.
 - a) Vocabulary - 1 question
 - b) Writing - 2 questions
 - c) Character - 2 questions
 - d) Drama/Speaking/Listening - 2 questions
5. For those who wish to do more and extend their learning you can do 1 or 2 extension activities which are listed lastly. This is not mandatory, only for those who wish to.

Core Sections

VOCABULARY

1. Prepare a crossword puzzle with vocabulary found in the novel.
2. Select 10 words that were new to you in this novel. Define each word .
3. Make a scrambler using 20 words from the novel.
4. Select 25 words you find particularly descriptive . List them . Use 5 of these in good sentences.
5. Write 10 riddles for words found in your novel. Make sure you have the answers.

WRITING

1. Write any type of poem or rap about your book (at least 25 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.
8. Write a different ending for your book.
9. Write an explanation of how you can relate to a character or a situation that happened in the novel.

CHARACTER

1. Pretend you are one character and introduce the other characters to your class.
2. Draw a detailed sketch of one of the characters in a setting from the book.
3. Make a timeline of the events in the life of the main character.
4. Make up five interview questions (with answers) for the main character.
5. For a film about your book which actor/actress would you recommend for the leading role? Explain, in detail, why.
6. Explain at least three ways the author tells you about the main character.
7. Find 5 examples of figurative language that were used by or in reference to the character. Explain each example and how it relates to the character.

DRAMA / SPEAKING / LISTENING

1. You are a travel agent and convincing people with pictures and a presentation on why they should visit the place which is the setting of your book.
2. Make a video, with music, outlining your book.
3. Dramatize your favourite incident (you may do with a partner).
4. Write and present a TV commercial for your book.
5. Make a TV script for one scene of your book and present it.
6. Do an "at the movies" dialogue with a partner discussing the merits of the book (video or oral presentation).
7. Give an oral report of your book omitting the conclusion. Have the class predict the outcome.
8. Read a descriptive passage from your book to the class. Prepare a listening quiz.
9. You are a tv personality giving a critique of the book.
10. Choose music to accompany an oral reading of a section of your book.
11. Roleplay a main character and have the class ask the character questions.
12. Present a google presentation on the theme of your book. You must have three examples from the book which provide evidence of this theme. Music should accompany your presentation.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES NOVEL STUDY

1. Draw a scene from your book and explain it.
2. Prepare a travel brochure for the area of your book.
3. Find and write down 25 similes and metaphors.

4. Do research on any topic connected with your book and present it orally or in written format. (ie. hunting dogs)
5. Make a job application for the main character and fill it in .
6. Find a newspaper want ad of interest to your main character and explain why.
7. Tell, in a paragraph , what you think happened before the story began.
8. Write a letter to the author and explain how you felt about the book and ask any questions that he/she might answer for you .
- 9 . Design a new cover for your book.
- 10 . Draw a comic strip of your book.
11. Create a poster for the novel.
- 12 . Draw a portrait of your favourite character and explain something about it.
- 13 . Do you think the author used any colours to symbolize moods ? Give 4 or 5 examples to support your opinion.
- 14 . In chart form compare the written novel to the film or movie version.
- 15 . Describe what you think happened to the main character after the novel ended - an epilogue.
- 16 . Make a horoscope for the main character and explain it.
- 17 . Explain why the novel should be included in a capsule that is to be dug up in 100 years.
- 18 . Explain what conflicts the main character had and how he/she handled them.
- 19 . Was there any growth of the main character (mentally or physically) ? Explain in a 100 words or so.