



Book Synopsis

FORMAT SHEET - KEIM - 2010-11

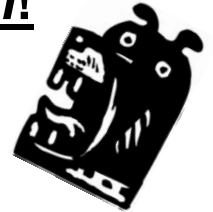
This sheet must be filled out for full credit.



Failure to complete a synopsis will earn you a failing grade for the marking period.

Please clearly label each section AND subsection!

Your completed Book Synopsis should consist of the following elements :



25 **Book notes:** *Up to 25 points -Hand written - use book notes sheets Every 12-15 pages. List date, pages, characters introduced, and 3-4 sentences of plot, a brief statement about conflict development, and literary elements stated and described.*

First Section: Identify and Explain (14 points) (1 paragraph minimum for EACH 4 point area):

- 2 **Author** (spelled correctly) and **Title** (when hand written, book titles are always underlined- If typed, *italicize it!*)
- 4 **Exposition: Background information and Setting** (describe how the context of the *overall time and place impacts the characters and plot.*)
- 4 **Protagonist & Antagonist** - Identify them and give their main characteristics and **WHY** you identify them as such
- 4 **Other important characters** - Give brief descriptions of other main characters and their contribution to the plot.

Second section: Conflict to resolution (20 points) (1 paragraph EACH per subsection minimum):

- 4 **Main conflicts** - WHO vs. WHOM: what forces are opposing? Describe, with details, the overall conflict.
- 4 **Conflict continued** - describe in detail **two specific points** from the novel that demonstrate the conflict.
- 4 **Root cause** of conflict - What if the over-arching reason behind the conflict of the novel?
- 4 **Climax** - The main **turning point** of action/conflict towards the resolution - explain **why this** is the climax
- 4 **Resolution:** - explain how the *overall conflict* is **resolved** in the end, and *why it is a resolution.*

Third Section: Literary Elements (10 points) (TWO paragraph minimum, one element per paragraph)

10 **Identify and explain with specific examples - elements such as Symbolism, Irony, Imagery, Foreshadowing, and Flashback, etc. GIVE PAGE NUMBERS.**



Fourth section- Explore and discuss (16 points)(3 paragraphs total - two for Author's purpose)

- 10 **Author's Purpose:** Discuss in detail what you believe are *at least two* potential lessons in the novel.
- 6 **Historical Context:** How does the time in which the novel was written influence the plot?
If Reading *The Giver*, explain how this is a dystopian novel.

Fifth Section (5 points) (1 paragraph total minimum)

- 2 **Your general opinion** about the book - like/dislike
- 3 **Basis** for your opinion - state specifics as to why you have your opinion

Proper formatting includes Times New Roman or Arial font, 12 point & double spaced

Overall quality: (10 points)

10 **spelling and grammar (including paragraphing)/organization/*formatting (10 points)**



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Book Title: _____	
Author: _____	DATE DUE _____

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BONUS? _____
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