



Book Synopsis



FORMAT SHEET - KEIM - 2010
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 :



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

Identify and Explain:

First Section: (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 (one paragraph per element, two elements minimum)

10 Identify and explain elements such as Symbolism, Irony, Foreshadowing, and Flashback

Fourth section- Explore and discuss (16 points)(2 paragraph EACH per subsection minimum)

- 8 **Themes:** Discuss *at least two* potential themes and importance of lessons in the novel.
- 8 **Value:** Why should people read this novel? What did you learn from your experience reading?

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

Overall quality: (5 points)

5 **spelling and grammar (including paragraphing)/organization/*formatting** (5 points)

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



Student name _____ Block _____

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

25% off per day late

DATE DUE _____

BONUS? _____

SCORE _____

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