

Independent Reading Book Review Form

Name _____ English Teacher _____

Book Title _____

Book Author _____

Please answer the following questions using complete sentences and details to support your answers. Submit this form to your English teacher to earn your Independent Reading credit.

1. Briefly describe the setting of the story - historical, fantasy, futuristic, realistic? Provide details.
2. Briefly describe the protagonist - age, appearance, personality traits, attitude. What is the central conflict in the story? In other words, what problem is the protagonist facing, either internal or external?
3. Every protagonist has an ally, another character who helps him/her in some way. Briefly describe this character and what he/she does to help.
4. Are the main characters dynamic—changing or maturing by the end of the book? Do they learn about themselves, how the world works and their role in it?
5. What do you believe is the climax of the story? What happens and how does it serve as a turning point?
6. How is the conflict resolved in the end? Was the ending satisfying, or did it leave the story open to further questions?

7. How did you experience the book? Were you engaged immediately, or did it take you awhile to "get into it"? How did you feel reading it—amused, sad, disturbed, confused, bored...?

8. What passages strike you as insightful, even profound? Perhaps a bit of dialog that's funny or moving or that sums up a character?

9. If you could ask the author a question, what would you ask? Have you read other books by the same author? If so how does this book compare. If not, does this book inspire you to read others?

10. Would you recommend this book? (Circle one) **Yes** or **No**

11. How would you rate this book? (Circle one)

