

Summer Reading Response Worksheet

Title of Novel:

Reading Response Activity

Directions: Answer all parts of the following worksheets with complete sentences. Use correct grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

A **theme** is the message or insight about life or human nature that a writer presents to the reader. Although some works are written purely for entertainment and don't have a clear-cut theme, in these books, the writers make at least one point about life or the human condition. The theme is usually not stated directly, and therefore, you will have to make an inference. One way to discover the theme of a work is to consider what you can learn from the main character. The importance of that event, stated in terms that apply to all human beings, is the theme.

List four **themes** found within the novel.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Give one example (quote and page number) to support each of the themes you have listed. List an instance or character that explains your theme. Be as specific as possible.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What is the **setting**? What year(s) do the events take place? What is the season? Where does most of the action take place? What are the economic conditions? What are the customs unique to this novel?

Name two **conflicts** in the book. **Briefly explain** the circumstances surrounding each conflict. Specify what kinds of conflicts are taking place (man vs. man, man vs. self, man vs. society, man vs. nature, man vs. fate)

- 1.
- 2.

What is the **climax** or point of highest tension? When do things begin to change? Explain in detail how this changes the outcome of the novel.

Refer back to the two conflicts you have already listed. How are each of these conflicts **resolved**? Be as specific as possible including character names and types of conflict.

1.

2.

Characterization: This is the method used by the writer to develop a character. A character can be developed in four ways:

1. Physical description - What does the character look like?
2. What other characters say about a specific character
3. What the character says (dialogue) and how the character acts
4. What the narrator says about the character

Character

Role in Story

**Character Traits-
use details from
characterization list**

**Evidence from Text-
quote and page number**