**Independent Reading**

For this month’s independent reading novel you will be selecting a book that you have not already read, that is challenging for you and that is at your reading level. You will have THREE BOOK CHECKS to monitor your reading progress.

As you read your novel, you will be expected to pay close attention to the literary elements that make your story rich in development. You will be recording Text-Based Details to support your answers.

My genre selection is:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title of Book:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Author:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of pages in your book:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of pages to read per night:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(****Take the total number of pages and divide it by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nights)***

For each book check you will complete a written assignment about your book that you will turn in to your teacher for a grade.

Also, be sure to **log any vocabulary words** that you do not understand. Your last book check will require you to record challenging words that you have added to your vocabulary.

**BOOK CHECK #1 DUE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Total number of pages to read for Book Check #1: \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_

**BOOK CHECK #2 DUE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Total number of pages to read for Book Check #2: \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_

**BOOK CHECK #3 DUE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Total number of pages to read for Book Check #3:\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Book Check #1** Due Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title of Book:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pages I have read:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Main Character:**

Who is the **PROTAGONIST** is your book? Explain this character in at least  
2-3 complete sentences.  
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**Characterization:**

Characterization is the process by which the writer reveals the personality of a character. It can be in the form of actions, thoughts, appearance, speech and what others think of the character.

Provide ONE PASSAGE from your novel that illustrates the main character in your story. Record the passage below with the author’s name and page number. This passage should demonstrate **CHARACTERIZATION**. Remember, when you pull a quote from a book, it looks like this:

“ “(Burke 145).

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**Setting:**

The **SETTING** in a novel is critical to the plot development.

Provide a brief description of the **SETTING** and its unique characteristics. Please respond in at least 2-3 complete sentences.

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Please select ONE PASSAGE from your novel that illustrates the setting of your book. Record the passage below with the author’s name and page number. This passage should describe the **SETTING** of the novel. Remember, when you pull a quote from a book, it looks like this:

“ “(Burke 145).

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**Point of View: *First Person, Third Person, Omniscient***

From what **POINT OF VIEW** is your story told? How do you know this?

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Provide one line from your novel that indicates the **POINT OF VIEW** from which your story is told. Record the sentence (s) on the lines with proper citation.

“ “ (Burke 29).

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**Book Check #2** Due Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title of Book:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pages I have read:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Mood:**

Setting is important in novels because the setting helps create a **MOOD**. **MOOD** is a feeling a particular part of a novel can give/portray to a reader.

What is the **MOOD** of your novel, thus far? (Serious, carefree, frightening, eerie, funny, etc.) Explain the **MOOD** of your novel below in at least 2-3 sentences.

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Please select ONE PASSAGE from your novel that portrays the mood of your book. Record the passage below with the author’s name and page number. This passage should demonstrate the **MOOD** of the novel. Remember, when you pull a quote from a book, it looks like this:

“ “(Burke 145).

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**Foreshadowing** is when the author provides hints or clues about what is going to happen in the novel. Clues help you make PREDICTIONS about upcoming events in the story. Please provide **ONE CLUE** or example of **FORESHADOWING** from the novel that helped you to come up with a prediction about your story. Record the **text-based detail** to support your prediction. Remember to use proper citation with the author and page #.

**Clue #1**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Text-Based Detail:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Explain:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Conflict**   
**CONFLICT** is a struggle between two opposes forces. There are five types of conflict in literature. Please list the **five types of conflict** and select **ONE** conflict to discuss and document.

Person vs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Person vs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Person vs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Person vs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
   
 Person vs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The main conflict in my book is Person vs.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe this **conflict** in at least THREE sentences. Think about WHO, WHAT, WHY, HOW?  
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**Book Check #3** Due Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title of Book:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pages I have read:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Now that you have finished reading your book, I am sure that you came across vocabulary words that you did not know or words that you may have needed to look up in a dictionary. In the chart below, please record THREE new vocabulary words, the location, the sentence it was used in and the definition.

Vocab Word Sentence and Page # Definition

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What was your favorite event in the book and why? Describe in at least 3-4 complete sentences.

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**Theme:  
THEME** is the main message or lesson learned in the story.

After reading your novel what was the **THEME**? Answer in at least

2-3 complete sentences and be sure to include the title and author of your book.

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Please select ONE LINE or PASSAGE from your novel that portrays the **THEME** of your book. Record the passage below with the author’s name and page number. This passage should demonstrate the **MAIN MESSAGE** of the novel. Remember, when you pull a quote from a book, it looks like this:

“ “(Burke 145).

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