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# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Report #1

For this book report you will read a book of your choice and then follow the instructions below. The book you read must be age appropriate...if you have concerns or questions, ask!

\*\*All writing must follow standard manuscript guidelines as outlined in your planner.

1. Name, period, date in upper right hand corner.

2. Heading:

title of book (books are always underlined) and author

3. Basic information:

A. Three main characters: List and write a one sentence description of each.

B. Setting: Write a one sentence description of the setting.

C. Theme: Write one sentence that states the theme.

4. Choose two of the following. Do not at any time retell the plot only. A well-organized paragraph includes **examples** and **quotations** from the novel to illustrate the points.

A. The conflict in a novel can often be categorized into one of the following: man vs. man, man vs. society, man vs. nature, man vs. himself, or man vs. fate. If the conflict was an important aspect in your novel, write a paragraph explaining what conflict was used, what part it played, how the particular conflict forced the characters to act and react, and whether the conflict was adequately resolved.

B. Setting is where the story takes place. It includes time and place. In many novels setting is significant. For example, the author may employ it as a motivating force in human behavior, or to reflect the state of mind of the character, or to represent the values held by the character. If the setting was important in your novel, write a paragraph essay in which you explain how the author makes use of it.

C. The central character often encounters moral, physical, or psychological danger. Write a paragraph about the danger the character has and the way he/she handled the problem.

D. In some novels the experience of an important character changes him; in others the experiences of an important character leaves him unchanged. In a paragraph consider why the character has or has not changed. Do not merely describe the character.

5. Parent signature:

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(My child has read this book this term with my approval.)