

# **Novel Reaction Paper**

12 pt., TNR font. This paper will be more than one page in length.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

- **State fully the title and author (check all words and spelling)**
- **When was it published? Where? Why?**
- **What other novels by the same author rank with it?**
- **Name and spell correctly the chief characters.**
- **State what you consider to be its chief themes. Provide support from text.**

## **PLOT:**

- **What conflict drove the story on?**
- **Identify the climax.**
- **Was it the resolution of this conflict?**
- **How do sub-plots relate to the main one?**
- **Do they amplify, detail, enhance the main plot?**
- **Do these sub-plots parallel or foreshadow the main action?**

## **POINT OF VIEW**

- **How is the novel presented? Who narrates it? Provide textual support.**
- **Rate its success.**

## **CHARACTER**

- **How well developed are the principals?**
- **List adjectives to describe them. Provide textual support.**
- **What do you recognize as the driving force, the motivation of these principal characters? Provide textual support.**

## **SETTING**

- **Give historical, geographical, social details. Provide textual support.**
- **Is the setting an important feature even a player in the action? How/Why?**

## **STYLE**

- **Identify and evaluate this novel for its prose, method of narration, ease of reading.**

## **THEMES/ PURPOSE/ CRITIQUE**

- **Is it relevant to our lives today? How?**
- **List principal scenes and show how they reveal character, or are turning points in the action.**

Criteria	Possible points	Earned points
Introduction	10 pts	
Plot	10 pts.	
Point of View	10 pts.	
Character	10 pts.	
Setting	10 pts.	
Style	10 pts.	
Theme/Purpose/Critique	10 pts.	
Heading	10 pts.	
Title	10 pts.	
On Time	10 pts.	