

1st Semester Book Report

Directions: Students are to read a work of fiction: 8th grade level or higher (Sorry, no Dr. Seuss). Then, students will complete five accompanying assignments for a total of 50 points. The book needs to be **at least 150 pages in length**. (I will approve some books that are less than this page length...see me if you're unsure.)

Assignment #1 (20 points) **Due Oct. 30**

Write an *11 sentence paragraph* summary of the book. The paragraph should follow the format of 3 main events with two supporting details each complete with an introduction and a conclusion. Then, he/she will write another 8-11 sentence paragraph explaining his/her opinion of the book. Did you like it or not? Why or why not? Be specific.

Example #1:

I didn't like this book because it was stupid. I don't think anyone should read this.

Example #2:

I thought Robert Cormier wrote an interesting book even though it did have some flaws. *I Am the Cheese* was a great book because it was very descriptive. I really enjoyed the way the author used imagery to help me see every aspect of the story in my mind. I didn't really enjoy how long the chapters were. I would have liked it better if the author has kept the chapters shorter. I think it would have made my want to keep read. Overall, I like the details in the book, but would have preferred shorter chapters.

Assignment #2 (5 points) **Due Dec. 4**

Complete a full plot map with *at least* an exposition, rising action, conflict, climax, falling action, and resolution. Include as many details as possible.

Assignment #3 (15 points) **Due Dec. 4**

Re-write the ending of the novel in *3-5 pages*. Be as creative as possible using vivid sensory imagery whenever possible.

Assignment #4 (⁵10 points) **Due Dec. 4**

Fill out character description for all the characters in the novel. Include appearance, personality traits, relationships, etc. (*at least* 2 complete sentences for each character)

Assignment #5 (⁵10 points) **Due Dec. 4**

Create a vocabulary list of words from the book (*at least* 10 total). Include in the list the word, part of speech, definition, sentence with the word from the book, and your own original sentence using the word.