Independent Reading Guide

Name:__________________________________________________________Date:_________________

Novel Title:_________________________________________Author:_____________________________

Answer the following questions about the novel:

1. Who is the protagonist, the main character, in the story?________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________________

2. What challenge or conflict(s) does the protagonist encounter?_________
   __________________________________________________________________________________

3. Would you describe the conflict(s) as external, internal, or both? EXPLAIN!__________________
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4. What other important characters are involved in the conflict?_____________________________
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5. What kind of person is the protagonist? Describe his/her personality, attitudes, etc.
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6. SUPPORT YOUR OPINION: What evidence in the novel leads me to this opinion of the
   protagonist?
   __________________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________________
7. What is the setting(s) in this novel?__________________________________________________________

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8. TWO-PART: How would I describe the mood? How does the author establish this mood?

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9. Summarize the theme or central idea of this narrative:__________________________________________

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10. Choose one sentence, quote, or brief passage from the novel that reinforces/implies the theme:

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Rate this novel by circling the appropriate word:

11. The characters and dialogue are believable, and the plot engages my interest. weak fair strong

12. This novel is written in a style that is clear and interesting. weak fair strong

13. The details in this novel could be easily visualized. weak fair strong

14. Overall, I rate this novel as... weak fair strong

Reasons for my rating:_______________________________________________________________________

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What predictions and questions occurred to me as I read this story? Were my predictions accurate? Were my questions answered?

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READER’S RESPONSE JOURNAL:

- Write one or more question you would like to ask the author of this novel. Perhaps something in the novel is still puzzling you, or perhaps you’d like to ask the author something more personal. Explain why you want to ask these questions:

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- In a brief paragraph, describe an element of the novel that reminds you of something in your own life.

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Congratulations! You have just read and analyzed a novel!
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