**Independent Novel Assignment**

Grade 10 English

Over the course of the school year, you are required to read independent novels. For some of your novels, you will complete this novel assignment. All of the novels will be your choice. You are expected to use the fifteen minutes at the beginning of each class to read your independent novel.

This assignment should be a critical response to the novel. “The purpose for writing a critique is to evaluate somebody’s work in order to increase the reader’s understanding of it. A critical analysis is subjective writing because it expresses the writer’s opinion or evaluation of a text. Analysis means to break down and study the parts.” (LeJeune)

The assignment will be a two to three paged paper, typed and double-spaced. In your paper you must address the following questions:

1. Who is the author and what is the title of your novel? (1)
2. What genre is it? Examples: mystery, action/adventure, crime, horror, western, science fiction, romance, fantasy, autobiography, biography, political, non-fiction, and so on. Briefly give some details about the novel in the form of a summary. (2)
3. Tell the name of the main character, what kind of person they are based on support from the book, and whether you find the character believable or not. How does the character change throughout the novel? (3)

\*For a non-fiction text: choose one passage from the text that impacted you in some way. Why did you choose this passage? What importance does this passage hold in relation to the rest of the text?

1. What is your opinion of the author’s style of writing? Is it descriptive, easy to understand, etc.? You should consider point of view, foreshadowing, voice, atmosphere and any other literary techniques that the author uses that you have studied. For each literary technique that you mention, you must provide an example from the text. (3)
2. What is the primary theme in the novel? How does the author develop this theme throughout the novel? Finally, do you relate to this theme? Is it something that has impacted your life or the lives of those around you? (3)

Value 15 Marks (3 marks for conventions and formatting)

Due date: