

Summer Novel Assignments

WRITING ACTIVITIES FOR SUMMER NOVEL READING

Pick any combination of assignments that add up to 50 points.

10 points each (about one page)

- 1.) Discuss how the main character is like or unlike a person (or animal) that you know.
- 2.) Pretend that you're the author and describe the part that was the most fun or hardest to write. Explain why.
- 3.) Describe an experience you've had that was like the experience of a character in the book.
- 4.) Write any kind of poem about your book. (Min. 16 lines)
- 5.) Write an obituary for one character.
- 6.) Explain how a character in the book changed from the beginning to the end.
- 7.) If the book has a villain, why was his or her punishment justified.
- 8.) Explain why you would like to have one of the characters as a friend.

15 Points Each

- 9.) Draw a color map of where a major part of the story takes place. Label the major landmarks or points of interest.
- 10.) Write a review of the novel wherein you try to get someone else to read it.
- 11.) Write another part of the story where you describe what happened to the main character after the story ended.
- 12.) Explain how you would make your book into a movie-- who would play the main characters, where would you film it etc? You must explain your choices.
- 13.) Write a different (better?) ending for the story.
- 14.) Write two articles for a newspaper published at the time of a major event in your book.

- 15.) Write an interview with one of the major characters.
- 16.) Write several diary entries made by one of the major characters.
- 17.) List 15 interesting words from your book and tell why each is interesting.
- 18.) What problems did the major characters have and how did they solve them?
- 19.) Write a review of a movie or another book that is like your novel in plot or just general theme.

20 Points Each

- 20.) Do a collage of a major theme of your novel or one that illustrates certain parts of your novel.
- 21.) Review the book that you read and compare it to a movie that is like the book. What happened in each and which was better and why?
- 22.) Find THREE songs that seem to relate to your novel. Write out the lyrics and then write an explanation of how they relate.
- 23.) Pretend you are a character in the novel and describe the other characters in the novel and what you think of each of them. Explain why.
- 24.) Make a scrapbook of pictures of the main characters. You could cut out pictures of people and animals that you think look like the characters and places in the novel. Or you could collect magazine and newspaper articles.
- 25.) Compare your book with several TV shows that are similar.
- 26.) Make a video tape about part of the book.
- 27.) Do several pieces of art about the novel.
- 28.) Keep a journal as you read your book: record the dates and your reactions, thoughts, feelings.
- 29.) Write a long poem or rap (20 lines or more) about the book.