

## Novel Critique

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Introduction

Capitalized Title of Novel: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication House and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Author's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Author Fact: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Reasons I liked the book include:

Favorite **Character**: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Part: \_\_\_\_\_

### About the Plot (Body Paragraph)

2. I wish this would have happened in the book:

### Direct Characterization Descriptors

affectionate • aggressive • ambitious • anxious • artistic • argumentative • arrogant • assertive • bad-tempered • boring • bossy • careless caring • catty • cautious • charismatic • charming • clever • conceited • conscientious • considerate • courageous • coy • creative • curious deceitful • dependable • devious • docile • dogmatic • domineering • egotistical • enthusiastic • excitable • extroverted • faithful • fickle fussy • good-natured • gregarious • grumpy • happy-go-lucky • impulsive • inconsiderate • industrious • intelligent • introverted • inventive irritating • joyful • kind • loud-mouthed • loyal • manic • manipulative • moody • nervous • old-fashioned • opinionated • passive perfectionist • persuasive • picky • playful • pleasant • polite • pragmatic • quick-tempered • reliable • reserved • rude • scatter-brained serious • shy • sincere • sly • sociable • sympathetic • thoughtful • thoughtless • trustworthy • vengeful • volatile • witty

3. Three words that show **direct characterization** of the **protagonist**:

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Three words that show **direct characterization** of the **antagonist**:

\_\_\_\_\_

5. What **conflict** (Inside/outside struggle) does the **protagonist** have?

Internal: \_\_\_\_\_ External: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. What mistakes did the protagonist make?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. **Infer (Guess based on information)** How did the protagonist change during the story?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot: Name three exciting events that happened in the **rising action**. Describe how each event was resolved in the **falling action**.

a. \_\_\_\_\_ resolved?

b. \_\_\_\_\_ resolved? \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_ resolved?

### **Author's Craft (Body Paragraph)**

9. Circle the **point of view** from which the story is told.

**First person or Third person**

10. Create an **alliterative** title for the story? Repeat beginning consonant sounds, and capitalized.

11. Circle the **setting** that contributes to the story.

a. time: past, present, future

b. season: spring, fall, winter, summer

c. place: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please use a dictionary to define 3 **vocabulary** words that were unfamiliar or interesting.

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13. What is the **author's tone** or attitude toward the story? (Circle a or b)
- a. Optimistic, because the **protagonist's** life will turn out well.
  - b. Pessimistic, because the **protagonist's** life may not have happy endings.

14. Circle the **author's purpose** for writing this book:
- a. to entertain
  - b. to inform
  - c. to persuade

**In conclusion, (Conclusive paragraph)**

15. What **theme or message** did the author give the readers about this book?

16. The theme was:
- a. **stated:** because the story specifically stated the lesson learned.
  - b. **Implied:** because I had to figure out the lesson learned using clues.

17. I give this book a letter grade of \_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_

18. Copy and paste a passage that demonstrates the **author's craft** of one of the following:

- a. descriptive language
- b. personification
- c. simile/metaphor
- d. onomatopoeia
- e. imagery
- f. symbolism
- g. allegory
- h. allusion
- i. extended metaphors

19. I connected to this book in this way:

- a. I ( or someone I know) had a similar experience. (text to self)
- b. I made similar mistakes. (text to self)
- c. I am in the same age group. (text to self)
- d. I just like to read this genre. (text to text)
- e. I read a book/article about this subject before. (text to text)
- f. The events in this book have happened in the world. (text to world)

20. Choose **three** great ideas (Universal Themes) that tell what your book was about.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

Angel  
Animal  
Aristocracy  
Art  
Astronomy and  
Cosmology  
Beauty  
Being  
Cause  
Chance  
Change  
Citizen  
Constitution  
Courage  
Custom and Convention  
Definition  
Democracy  
Desire  
Dialectic  
Duty  
Education

Element  
Emotion  
Equality  
Eternity  
Evolution  
Experience  
Family  
Fate  
Form  
God  
Good and Evil  
Government  
Habit  
Happiness  
History  
Honor  
Hypothesis  
Immortality  
Induction  
Infinity  
Judgment

Justice  
Knowledge  
Labor  
Language  
Law  
Liberty  
Life and Death  
Logic  
Love  
Man  
Mathematics  
Matter  
Mechanics  
Medicine  
Memory and  
Imagination  
Metaphysics  
Mind  
Monarchy  
Nature  
Necessity and

Contingency  
Oligarchy  
One and Many  
OpinionOpposition  
Philosophy  
Physics  
Pleasure and Pain  
Poetry  
Principle  
Progress  
Prophecy  
Prudence  
Punishment  
Quality  
Quantity  
Reasoning  
Relation  
Religion  
Revolution  
Rhetoric  
Same and Other

Science  
Sense  
Sign and Symbol  
Sin  
Slavery  
Soul  
Space  
State  
Temperance  
Theology  
Time  
Truth  
Tyranny and Despot  
Universal and Partic  
Virtue and Vice  
War and Peace  
Wealth  
Will  
Wisdom  
World