

*****Major Works Data Sheet*****

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title -
Date Written (not published) -
Author -
Genre -

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

-Society and environment always influence authors in some way. Write what you believe to be the 5 most important facts to know about the time period of authorship – when the book was WRITTEN, not published – for the novel.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

-Write what you believe to be the 5 most important facts to know about the author (besides when he/she was born and when he/she died).

MEMORABLE QUOTES

-Select 3 quotes from each novel (must reflect the beginning, middle and end of the book) that you read and explain the significance of each quote in the novel. REMEMBER: do NOT use SparkNotes, etc. for this material. These should reflect your own thinking as to why the quotes you chose are important to the story. (Cite using MLA)

SETTING

-Identify the specific location for the Opening and Closing scenes of the novel and explain the significance of both.

POINT OF VIEW

-Identify the Point of View used in the novel and discuss its impact on the overall novel.

tone

-Select 3 tone words for the text as a whole and explain why you chose each word. Remember tone words are always adjectives.

SYMBOLS

-Identify 3 symbols in your novel and explain what the symbols represent. Avoid people and animals *when possible* as symbols but try and find inanimate objects as symbols.

THEMATIC STATEMENTS

-Create 2 thematic statements for your novel. Keep in mind these are complete sentences in which you do not refer to details about the novel but what the author is trying to say/teach: what is the moral of the story? What lesson does the author want you to learn? NEVER use 2nd person point of view. For example, in the story of the tortoise and the hare, the thematic statement would be "Slow and Steady Wins the Race." Also, explain why you created each of these two thematic statements.

CHARACTER ANALYSIS

-Write a character analysis for 2 MAJOR characters and 1 MINOR character in the novel (a minimum of a paragraph for each character) Describe the character, how the author develops the character (dialogue, detail, etc.) and discuss how the character is involved in the story's MAIN conflict. *Provide examples from the text to support your analysis.*