

ESLCO/EO Culminating Assignment

Independent Novel Study

For this assignment, you will read a novel, independently. At the end of this semester, you will make a presentation to the class about your novel.

As you read your novel, you should take notes about interesting things that happen as well as interesting characters that you meet.

You may also write down new words and phrases that you come across as you may one day even use them when you write.

Your final presentation will be between 8 and 15 minutes. You may choose to create a video or make a presentation in class.

Your presentation must cover each of the following sections. Please check to see what is required and what choices you have.

Setting

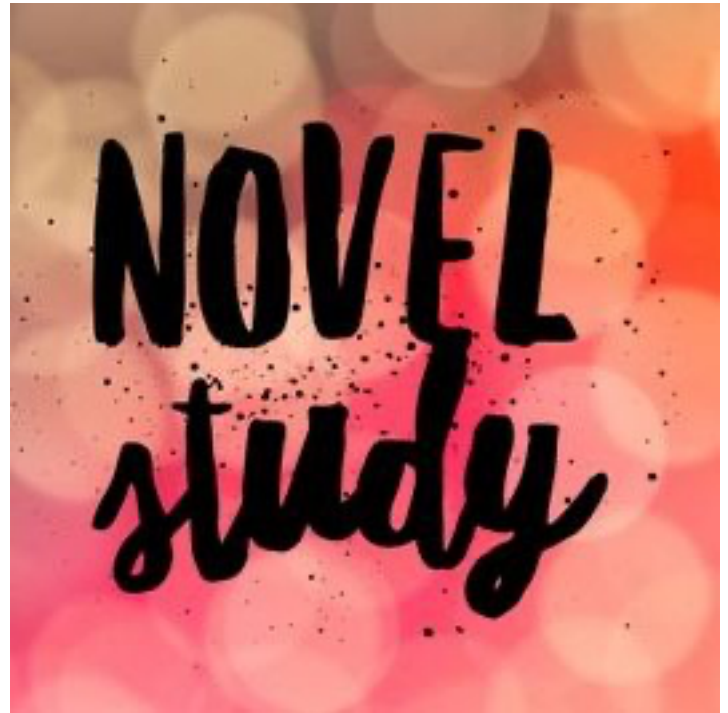
Required

- Describe the setting of the novel.

Include time and place.

Required- Choose 1

- How important was the setting of the story? (time and place) Did you think it was accurately portrayed?



- Which location in the book would you most like to visit and why?
- How different would the book be if it were set in a different time or place?
Identify the new setting and explain how the story would be different
- Draw a large map of the main setting from your novel. Include important places and landmarks that come up in the novel.

Characters

Required

- Who are the main characters in your novel?

Describe them in one or two sentences.

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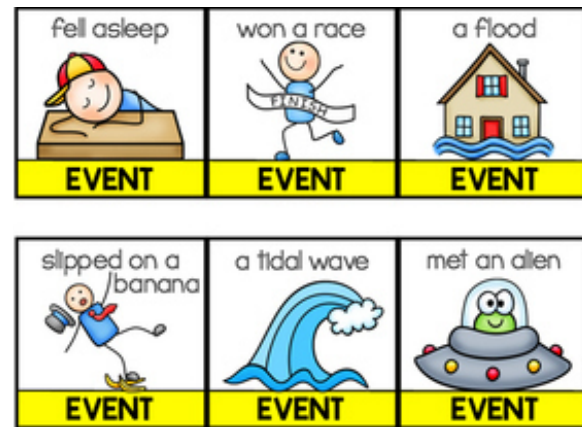
- Who or what is the main antagonist in the story?
How are they similar to or different from the main character?
- Write five questions to ask one of the main characters from your novel. What would their answers be?
- Explain how a character in the novel changes throughout it. Provide specific details of how these changes happen.
- If you could meet one of the characters, who would it be and why?
- If you could give the main character in your book some advice, what would you tell them?
- Do you know someone similar to one of the characters in your text? Who is it?
And in what ways are they similar?
- Were there times you disagreed with a character's actions? What would you have done differently?



Plot

Required - Choose 1

- Draw a timeline of events from your novel, be creative with the way you present this.
- List six major events, in the order they occurred, from your novel.



Choose 1

- What scene from your novel stuck in your memory the most? Explain it, and why you remembered it.
- Were you ever upset by something that happened in the book? If so, what was it, and why did it upset you?
Describe one scene that you think is very important to the story. Why do you think so?
- Talk about a scene or event in the story that is unnecessary.
- Describe a scene that reminded you of a real-world event
- What was your favourite chapter and why?
- Talk about something in the plot that does not make sense to you

Conflict

Required

- **ESLEO** What is the major conflict in the novel? Identify the type of conflict. Explain the cause and nature of the conflict. Say how the conflict is resolved.
- **ESLCO** Write about a problem a main character faces in your novel. How does it happen and how does it get solved?

Optional

- How does the conflict affect the minor characters?

- Is the conflict realistic or does it seem forced?

What Is the Theme of a Story?

Theme Required - Choose 1

- What are 2 small life lessons that you can learn from this novel? (Advice you should take or not take for you in life.)
- Describe the main theme (message/meaning) of your novel. What happens in the story that impacted your choice?
- What did you learn from this book?



Optional

- How did the book challenge or change your perspective or opinion on something?
- How relevant or relatable are the themes or messages of the book to your own life, or to society today?

Writing Style Choose 1

- How did the author keep you interested or surprised throughout the story?
- Was this novel easy or difficult to read? Why?
- What was the most challenging or difficult part of the book for you to read or understand? How did you overcome it?
- If you could make one change to how the book

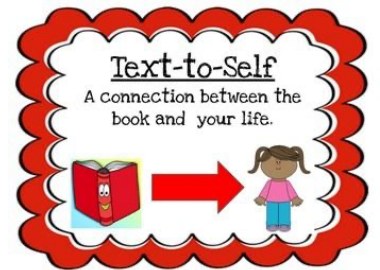


ended, what would it be?

Personal Connections

Choose 1

- What is another book you have read before that has something in common with this book? What book was it, and what did it have in common?
- Imagine you can become a character, or go to a setting in your novel. Who would you be, or where would you go? Explain using details.
- How did the book make you feel? Did it evoke any emotions? Did you laugh, cry, or cringe?
- What is your favourite quote from the novel? Where in the story is it found? What does it mean? What do you like about it?
- Give examples of where you acted, in real life, like some of the characters from your novel.



General Required

- Who is the author of your story? What is their background? What other books have they written? What genre of books do they usually write?

Required- Choose 1

- Would you read another novel written by the same author? Why/why not?
- What is the significance of the title? Did you find it meaningful, why or why not?



- Would you have given the book a different title? If yes, what would your title be?
- Create a new title page for your novel. Include the title, author's name and colours/designs/images that reflect the novel.
- If you could talk to the author, what would you want to ask? What do you think their answer would be?
- Did your novel have a good ending? Be creative and change one thing about the ending to improve the novel.
- What surprised you most about the book? Why? Were there significant plot twists and turns? If so, what were they?