

# Elements of Fiction Novel Paper

We all now get to write about what we just read. These papers will follow the mule rules precisely and will be graded accordingly. The top three mule rules are not necessary for this paper. It is not written as a 5 paragraph essay as much as it is a complete response to each of the four prompts below. Students will address all 4 options and be complete in response. The paper will be a **minimum of 2 pages** with each prompt labeled and separated. If your novel is also a movie, you will add the movie compare and contrast to your plot synopsis (#1). Paper will be sent to turnitin.com.

1. Briefly convey the plot of the novel (tell the story). Include major conflict and conflict resolution. Your first sentence must introduce TAG Title-Author-Genre. (movie and novels will be compared and contrasted here.) (25 PTS)

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2. Identify three of the major characters. Each character must be identified according to traits and growth of that character. The **author's** methods of development must be addressed (these are in your notes). Use direct quotations to present at least two different methods per character and the trait presented. Your response must be organized in paragraphs according to each character. (25 PTS)

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3. When and where did this novel take place? How does this setting create characters and plot? The setting is often universal, meaning that story could have taken place anywhere. Does the story specifically relate to the setting and how does the direction of the story rely on the setting? (10 PTS)

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4. Theme and plot are inseparable; they help to inform and reflect back on each other. Also, be aware that a theme we determine from a story never completely explains the story. It is simply one of the elements that make up the whole. So what is the theme of this novel and how did the author present this theme through plot. Remember that the theme must be presented beyond the pages of the book. It is a connection to you that extends beyond the characters within the novel's pages (10 PTS)

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## TRADING CARDS

- ✳ Create novel cards to be traded. Cards must be on card stock paper. Regular typing paper will not be accepted.
- ✳ Front of card will contain title, author, and an identifiable depiction of the novel (setting, theme, character, symbols etc...) Must include 3 symbols. Remake the novel cover. Do not use a picture of the published novel cover. Include a rating number 1-5.
- ✳ No author picture--No movie characters or movie stills
- ✳ Back of card will contain a very brief synopsis, WOW fact, and your recommendation.
- ✳ WOW fact is a small RESEARCHED item not known through just reading the novel
- ✳ Cards will be colorful and lively.
- ✳ Cards will be traded on \_\_\_\_\_. This will be a trading option. Create one for everybody in the class. You must give one to get one.
- ✳ Print at home for added security