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Book Report: Quarter One

Students: This is your chance to share your first quarter independent novel with me. You must provide textual evidence by backing up your thoughts with the “whys,” and by always using specific instances in the book.

Title: _____

Author: _____

You may submit handwritten answers to these questions on separate notebook paper OR you may submit a typed document.

Students can describe how a particular story’s plot unfolds as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution. (20 points)

- 1) How does the author capture the reader’s attention in the beginning?
- 2) Describe the character’s main conflict.
- 3) At what point did you like the main character the most and at what point did you like the character the least?
- 4) What was the climax of the story?
- 5) Were you surprised by the ending? Why, or why not?
- 6) How did the character change or grow from beginning to end?

Making Connections with self, world, and other texts. (8 points)

- 10) Why is the main character like you or unlike you?
- 11) If this book is part of a series, how was it like or unlike the others you’ve read? If it is not part of a series, what other stories or books does this book remind you of?

Students can determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details. (7 points)

10) Theme, in literature, is the central or main concept of a text. The theme of *The Tortoise and the Hare* is to slow down and take your time (“slow and steady wins the race”). What do you think the theme of your novel was? Explain.

Students can analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, or scene fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot. (15 points)

11) Did the title of the book fit? Why or why not?

12) Choose a passage (paragraph) from the book that you found interesting or important. Write about WHY you chose that particular passage. Make sure you show understanding of the passage.

Pg # of passage _____ Paragraph _____

*Don’t forget to include “I chose this passage because...”

13) Critique your book. On a 5-point scale, what would you rate your book? On this scale, five is the best and one is the worst. You must explain why you selected this rating.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1. Many questions are TWO or more part questions. Answers that do not address each part of the question are incomplete.**
- 2. Required number of sentences in each response has not been provided. Please answer each question thoroughly and in complete sentences. Show that you not only understood the novel, but also that you spent time analyzing the important elements of the novel.**
- 3. Each section is worth a different number of points, totaling 50 points.**