**Independent Reading**

**This Independent Reading Assignment is due on Friday, May 26. On this date, please submit this completed TYPED Independent Reading Guide along with the attached assignment of your choice (TYPED) from Section IV.**

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Title of book \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Copyright date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 1: About the Book**

**Genre (circle one)**

Science fiction Fantasy Realistic fiction Thriller

Historical Fiction Mystery Adventure Biography

**Total number of pages in the book \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Why did you choose this book?**

\_\_\_\_\_Liked cover

\_\_\_\_\_ Interesting title

\_\_\_\_\_Read others by same author

\_\_\_\_\_Genre

\_\_\_\_\_Recommended by a friend

 \_\_\_\_\_Recommended by an adult

\_\_\_\_\_Other

**Explain:**

**How do you think this book fits with your reading abilities?**

\_\_\_\_\_Easy to read \_\_\_\_\_Just right \_\_\_\_\_A challenge!

**Explain:**

**Section II: Details of the book:**

The first few chapters of a book often contain a detailed description of the setting. Find **3** passages with many setting details. Write the quotes and page number from your book for each of the numbered details.

1.

2.

3.

**Section III: Character Descriptions:**

List three characters in the book so far. Describe their physical appearance, importance to the story, and character traits. First, formulate an opinion of each of the three characters then describe them in your **own words** and then, after you described them in your own words, back up what you have to say with quotes from the book make sure to use page numbers.

**Character #1**

In your words, describe the character

In your words, why is this character important to the story?

In your words, describe the character traits.

Now, back this up with quotes from the book (cite the page number).

**Character #2**

In your words, describe the character

In your words, why is this character important to the story?

In your words, describe the character traits.

Now, back this up with quotes from the book (cite the page number).

**Character #3**

In your words, describe the character

In your words, why is this character important to the story?

In your words, describe the character traits.

Now, back this up with quotes from the book (cite the page number).

**Section IV: Choose one assignment from the list below.**

**Choose one of the following assignments to complete. The assignment should be typed and attached to this Independent Reading Guide.**

1. **Letter to Character**

Write a letter to a character in the book. Include your reaction to the events in the book, your feelings about the character’s choices, and what you think the character should do now. (At least one page – attach a separate page to this document)

1. **Essay on Setting:**

 Think about the relationship of the setting to the story. Could this story have happened in another place? Why or why not? In a one page essay explain your beliefs and use quotes from the story to help back up what you have to say.

1. **A Game**

Every good story has two opposing characters. Choose either the protagonist or the antagonist and explain in a one-page essay, if this character was a game, which game would they be and why.

1. **Celebrity**

Every good story has two opposing characters. Choose either the protagonist or the antagonist and explain in a one-page essay, if this character was a celebrity, which celebrity would they be and why.

1. **Theme**

Theme is the underlying message of a piece of text. Write a one-page essay to express what you think is the theme of this book, be sure to include plenty of quotes to back up what you have to say.

**Section V: After Reading Questions**

1. Would you recommend this book to other students? Why or why not? (Be specific!)
2. What was your favorite or least favorite part about this book?
3. What is your reaction to reading this book; was there a lesson learned?