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Date _____ Per. _____

Independent Reading Response Essay: Rubric

(Due on or before the 15th of each month beginning in October)

Assignment: Using notes taken as you read (independently) a fiction novel, respond analytically to one of the prompts about literary elements/devices/or theme from the handout "Independent Reading Response and Analysis Essay." MLA parenthetical format is required. Suggested length: two pages, typed, double-spaced, size 10-12 font or two pages handwritten (dark blue/black ink). Staple this page as a cover sheet.

| For 6+1 traits rubric, writing exceeds /has good/meets/ is fair in /needs work in | | | | | |
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| Ideas/Content | | | | | |
| Author, title, genre, number of pages, and a brief summary (no more than three sentences) | | | | | |
| Clear thesis stating response to prompt(s) about literary elements/devices/or theme | | | | | |
| Relevant textual evidence from throughout the novel to strongly support thesis statement (at least three) | | | | | |
| Organization | | | | | |
| Interesting introduction (hook) | | | | | |
| Logical sequencing of ideas | | | | | |
| Ending reinforces thesis/ gives closure | | | | | |
| Voice | | | | | |
| Writer's feelings and reactions are clear without use of "I or "you"; no apparent plagiarism | | | | | |
| Consistent use of present tense | | | | | |
| Word Choice/Sentences | | | | | |
| Variety of sentence structure | | | | | |
| Skillful transitions within and across paragraphs | | | | | |
| Word choice is thoughtful and precise; | | | | | |

TOTAL POINTS: _____ earning a grade of _____ for this assignment.