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**Independent Reading Response Essay: Rubric**

(Due on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> 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					
<b>Ideas/Content</b>					
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)					
<b>Organization</b>					
Interesting introduction (hook)					
Logical sequencing of ideas					
Ending reinforces thesis/ gives closure					
<b>Voice</b>					
Writer's feelings and reactions are clear without use of "I or "you"; no apparent plagiarism					
Consistent use of present tense					
<b>Word Choice/Sentences</b>					
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.