

# 1st Quarter Independent Reading Reflection Paper

10th Grade English / Hill / 2008-09

**Part 1** At the top of your paper make a **list of all of the books** that you read first quarter.

Include the **title** and **author** of each book. Also include the **total number of pages** you read.

**Part 2** After your list, **write a reflection** on your reading that addresses the **three topics** below.

[**Note:** Below each topic I've come up with several subtopics that you might discuss in that section of your paper.

Do not address ALL of the subtopics! Choose two or three from each section to answer thoroughly.]

## 1) Discuss **WHAT** you read this quarter

-Which is your favorite book on the list? What did you like about it? Be specific.

-Describe the genre, style, level of difficulty of the book(s) you read. Were any of these new for you?

-If you stopped reading a book before finishing it, tell me why you made that choice.

-If you read more than one book, were there any patterns in what you chose to read? (e.g. same author, genre, style, subject matter, level of difficulty) Is this a pattern you'd like to break out of or are you still interested in exploring it?

## 2) Discuss **HOW** you read

-Did you develop any new reading habits this quarter? Describe them.

-Are you reading more or less than you have in past years? Why do you think that is?

-Were there any challenges or frustrations related to your independent reading? Describe them.

-How did you choose the book(s) you read this quarter? Did you try anything new? (eg. read reviews, talk to librarian)

-Is getting your IRB reading done a pleasure or a chore? Is my IRB program "working" for you?

## 3) Make some specific reading **GOALS** for next quarter

-How many pages (and/or books) would you like to read second quarter?

-Are there some particular books, authors, or genres you'd like to read?

-Do you need to be more disciplined about getting your reading done? If so, what will you try to do?

-How could you expand your search for good books? (e.g. do more browsing in the library or book stores, read book reviews, ask for suggestions from librarians or your parents or siblings)

Due at beginning of class on **Tues, 10/27**  
You will NOT be submitting this paper to turnitin.com

## Formatting Requirements

-Your paper should be **typed**, in **MLA format**, and **1 1/2 to 2 pages** in length.

-Please staple together in this order: **this sheet** (with rubric facing forward), your **reflection paper** and your **completed reading log**.

## 1st Quarter IRB Rubric

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

**Total pages read this quarter** = \_\_\_\_\_

-Total pages should be on the **back of your reading log** AND at the **top of your reflection paper**.

-For a B: at least 400 pages / for an A: at least 450 pages

**Reading log** \_\_\_\_\_

-Your rotation reading log is **complete, accurate, specific** and **neat**.

**Engagement / Participation** \_\_\_\_\_

-You demonstrated an **active engagement** in reading and finding books that you enjoy.

-You demonstrated that you **challenged yourself** in the type and/or number of books you read.

-You compiled a **list of books** you're interested in reading \_\_\_\_\_

-You gave a **book talk** to the class \_\_\_\_\_

**IRB day** \_\_\_\_\_

-You always **brought your IRB** and **read** during silent reading time on IRB days.

[Did **not** have a book on \_\_\_\_\_ IRB day(s).]

**Reflection paper** \_\_\_\_\_

- Your reflection follows the **formatting requirements** and **includes all parts**.

- Your responses to the questions are **complete, thoughtful, descriptive**, and **specific**.