**Middle School Book Writing Assignment**

The Washoe County School District wants you to be lifelong, avid readers of good books you enjoy. You are encouraged to select a book of interest to you or to use a novel you are currently reading for your English (ELA) class to complete the following assignments.

Task: Answer one question from the chart below for eachday of class during distance learning. You may select which question to answer, but you may not repeat questions with the same book. Certain questions may be more or less appropriate depending on the book that you are reading. Submit your work to your teacher.

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| **Plot and Story Details** | **Craft and Structure** |
| 1. Comment on the choices made by the main character of the book. What advice would you have given him/her? Use specific examples from the story in your response.  | 1. How would the story be different if it had been told from a different narrator? Explain using different examples from the story.  |
| 2. Write about the story’s deeper theme or message. Provide specific examples from the text to explain your answer. Remember, a theme is not a one-word description.  | 2. Discuss your book’s title. Why do you think the author chose this? Create an alternative title and explain what makes this a possibility by providing examples from the story.  |
| 3. What is the main problem/obstacle that the main character must overcome? Was the problem resolved? Did you find it to be a satisfactory or realistic conclusion? Use specific information to support your response.  | 3. Find a key quote from the text that connects with the novel’s overall importance. Be sure to explain what the quote means and when/how/by whom it is said.  |
| 4. Describe some personal connections that you made while reading the book. Were they related to any personal experiences, past readings, and/or current events? Be sure to reference specific moments from the text.  | 4. Analyze the author’s writing style. Describe the style of the author by pointing out examples from the text. How does the style of writing contribute to the storytelling?  |
| 5. Choose five adjectives to describe your book and use direct references to the text to defend and explain your five choices.  | 5. Identify a key moment in the book where a major character’s motivation is on display. Explain why this moment shows the character’s personality by drawing comparisons between this moment and other moments in the book.  |