

English Literature Book Report Requirements

I. Introduction

Introduce the book, author, and title.

Introductory material can be about the title, pertinent biographical / historical / social / political / philosophical information; or the author's style or genre.

II. Body

Paragraph 1 –BRIEF summary of the book's plot. Think in terms of the plot diagram – exposition, complication, climax, falling action, and resolution.

LIMIT TO ONE PARAGRAPH

Paragraph 2 – Discuss how the author uses a particular literary device or combination of devices, such as setting, conflict, characterization, point of view, symbolism, motif, flashback, foreshadowing, mood, imagery, irony, allusion, etc. to develop his or her theme.

You may use one OR any combination of these. You do NOT have to explain each one.

Paragraph 3 – Explain what you think the theme of the work is.

REMEMBER this is not a moral or lesson. The theme is a reflection about life or human nature, such as

Pride often leads to man's downfall.

III. Conclusion

Summarize AND briefly explain an inference or connection you have made about this work. This could be an inference you made about the author, the book, the style, etc. This inference might lead to a thesis for your research paper. A reference to the introduction, maybe?