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Royal West Academy Summer Reading: Note Taking Guide

Use the following guide to keep track of your summer reading. This guide is not mandatory; however, using the guide to keep track of your observations while reading may help you with your upcoming summer reading assessments. Your notes may be typed or handwritten.

Use one copy of the guide **per book**.

Title of the book: _____

Write out the MLA reference for the novel.

Last name, First name. *Title*. Publisher, Year.

Example: King, Stephen. *The Stand*. Random House, 1990.

Note: When you are writing by hand, underline where you would use italics.

First Check-In (20% read, p. _____)

How do you like the characters so far? Name character traits that you are noticing in the main character(s). What do you think of the writing? Are you enjoying reading?

Second Check-In (50% read, p. _____)

Are you finding the plot interesting? Outline the plot so far in approximately 3-4 bullet points. How are the characters developing? What do you think will happen next?

Third Check-In (75% read, p. _____)

Has anything unexpected happened so far? Has your opinion of the book remained consistent or has it changed? Why or why not? Continue to outline the plot in approximately 3-4 bullet points.

Final Check-In (100% read)

How did you like the book as a whole? Have the characters changed and how? What do you think of the ending?

How would you rate this book?

(Colour in the number of stars you give the book.)



Keeping Track of Quotes or Passages

You can use sticky notes, highlight, and/or write down the page numbers at the bottom of this guide.

Mark passages that:

- Have an important event in the plot
- Create a strong feeling in you
- Make you ask questions
- Use figurative language in a unique way
- Express something you've always wanted to say
- Give you a great insight into a character or the world
- Really stick out to you for some other reason