



First Semester Independent Reading Project:

Book Review & Creative Presentation

A Book Review is...

- A literary analysis of key elements such as plot, character, setting, theme, symbol, point of view, etc.
- Your opinion of how well the author uses these elements in his or her writing with adequate support from the text.
- A product of close reading and thoughtful evaluations presented with a clear focus and well-developed plan.

A Book Review is NOT...

- A plot summary or description of characters
- Your unsupported opinion of why you did or did not like the book
- A copy and paste job from Amazon.com or other similar site.

As You Read...

- Keep a reading log (p148)
- Collect evidence
- Summarize each chapter or every 20 pages
- Take notes about things you might think are useful such as funny parts, a character description, etc.

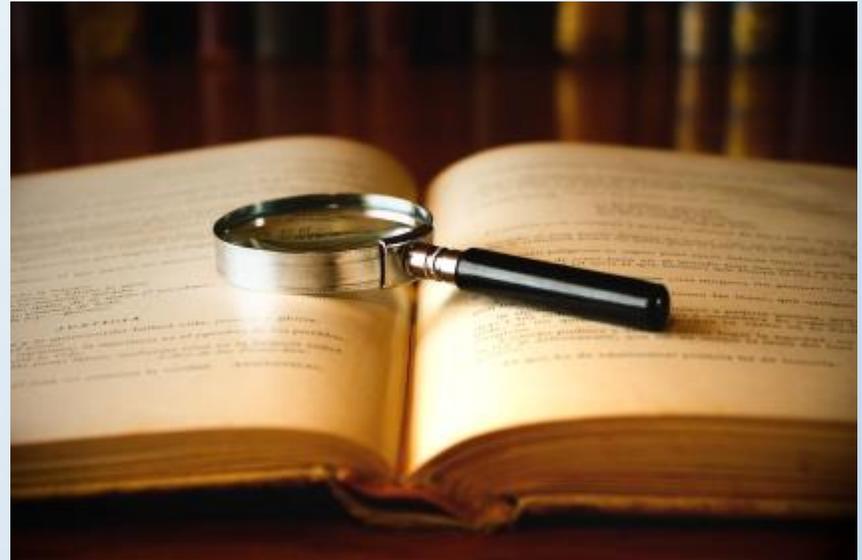
See page 144 for other ideas!



Before You Write Your Review...

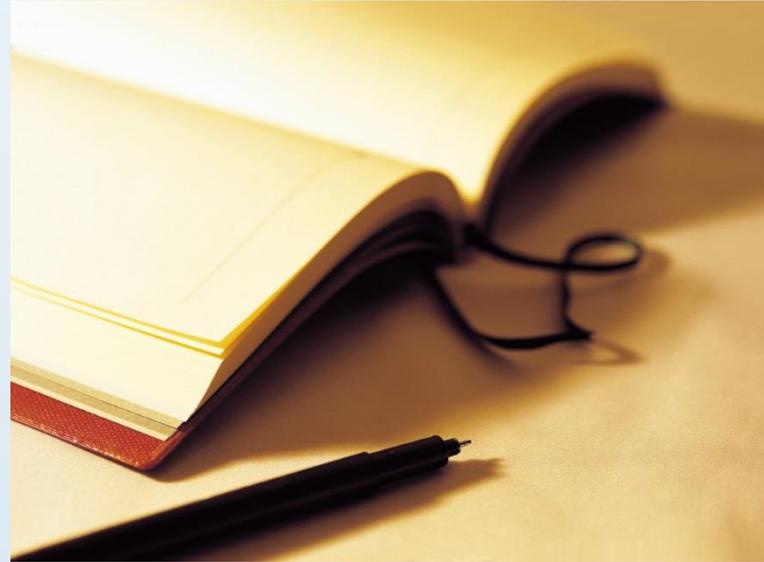
- Gather background on your author
- Read a couple of sample reviews (pages 150-151)
- Review your reading log and notes

See page 144 for more ideas



When You Write Your Review...

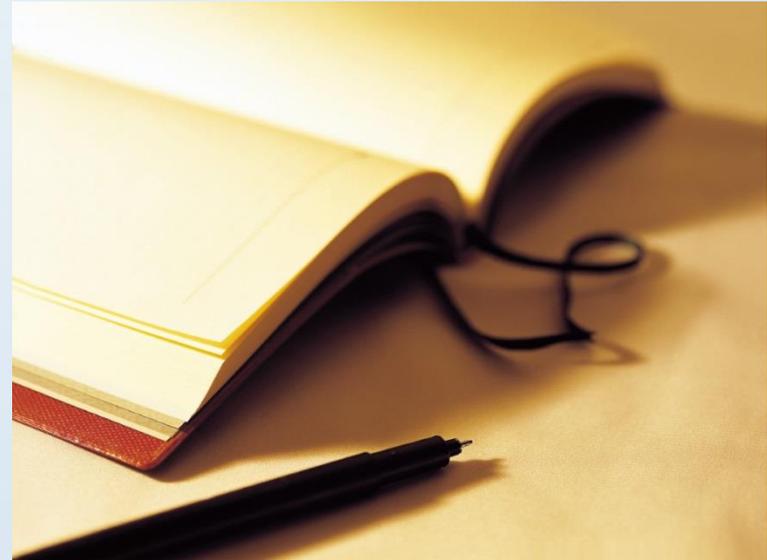
- Determine how you are going to grab the reader's attention- page 145
- Consider a working thesis (theme)- page 145
- Decide how you will arrange the details and evidence to support your thesis (An outline is super helpful)- page 145
- Choose at least ____ literary elements to include (these vary by book)- page 146



We will have covered literary elements in class!!!

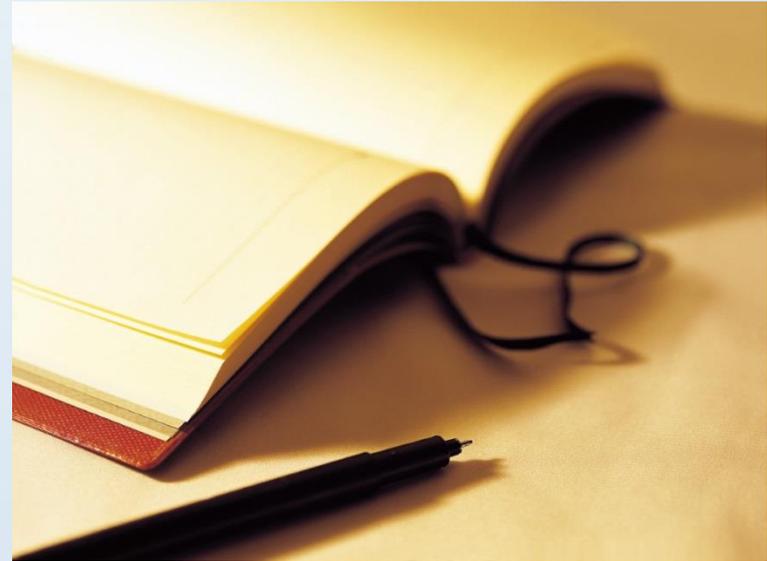
When You Write Your Review...

- Wait a couple of days and then revise and proofread
- Review the list of things not to do (page 147) and eliminate or fix your book review accordingly



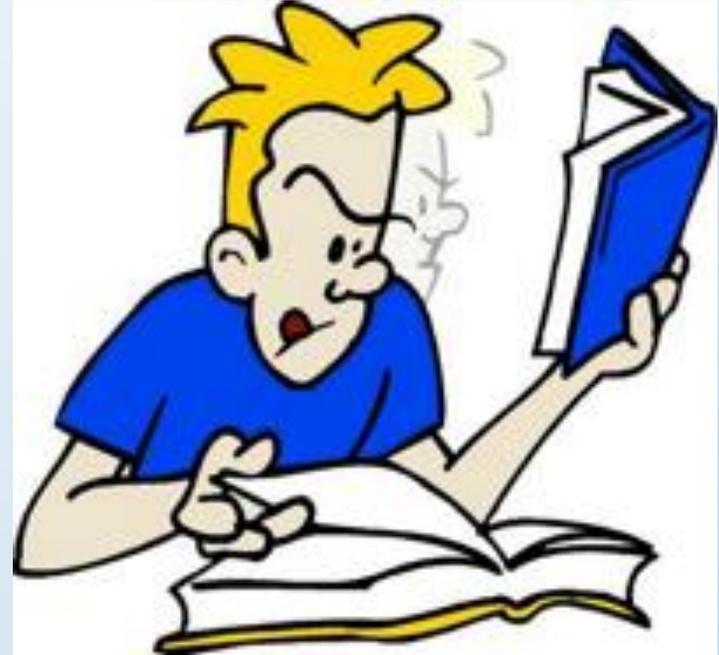
What you are going to include as part of the project...

- Your reading log and notes
- Your rough draft and peer review (which we will complete in class in a few weeks)
- Your final essay typed following manuscript format
- A creative/ visual aspect that will be covered later



You Have Plenty of Time!

- Bring your book every Friday. I will offer SSR after the quiz.
- Bring your book every day if you typically finish classwork early. Read whenever you have time.
- I will give you updates each week.
- This is a **MAJOR ASSESSMENT**. Do not procrastinate or blow it off. You will not have time to fix it before the end of the grading period.



First Term Independent Reading
Final project due
10/7

