

Choose **three** of the seven questions to answer listed below. Each question should be answered in a **separate** essay. This means you will write a total of **three** essays. Answers are expected to be thoughtful and answered in essay form. An essay is five paragraphs composed of five to eight sentences containing an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion. You must answer all portions of the question to receive credit. Make sure to include textual evidence with proper in-text citations. At the end of your document should be a proper citation. Incomplete answers will not be scored. Essays will be **due** on the **first** day of class.

1. How is a character in your book similar or different to a character in another book, movie, or someone you know? Explain how the two characters are similar and/or how they are different.
2. If you could change one thing in the book, what would it be? Why would you change it? How would you change it?
3. Choose a character and explain how the character changes throughout the story. What causes the change? What lessons does the character learn?
4. If you had to persuade someone else to read this book, what would you say? Without revealing the resolution (ending), write enough about this book to make someone else want to read it.
5. Discuss the creative techniques the author used to make the story more effective (ex. flashbacks, the point of view, foreshadowing, or descriptive words). Explain how these techniques helped or interfered with your understanding of the story.
6. What is one conflict in the story? How was the conflict resolved? What might have happened if the conflict was not resolved?
7. What is one theme (central message) of the novel? Support your answer with three pieces of textual evidence, one from the beginning, middle, and end.