

Unit Rubrics

Vocabulary: 65 points

Acquiring Vocabulary: 10 points

- ◆ Honest attempt to identify vocabulary words by type
- ◆ All words identified with a specific type or types

Using Vocabulary: 25 points

- ◆ All words are accurately defined
- ◆ Definitions are synonyms or short phrases
- ◆ All forms of the word are identified and affixes underlined accurately
- ◆ Sentences use the word's part of speech and a prepositional phrase accurately

Memorizing Vocabulary: 30 points

- ◆ Words are posted throughout home (p. signature needed) 5pts
- ◆ Words are written on note cards 5pts
- ◆ Quiz 20pts

Figurative Language: 14 points

- ◆ At least ten similes are correctly identified 10 pts
- ◆ Excerpts are accurately recorded including punctuation, ellipsis, and spelling 4 pts

Journals: 10 points each

- ◆ Examples are complete
- ◆ Reflections are thoughtful and complete
- ◆ All questions/sections are answered

Inferencing: 40 points

- ◆ Sections identified are accurately identified as inferences 18 pts
- ◆ Explanations for inferences are complete and accurate 18 pts
- ◆ Excerpts are accurately recorded including punctuation, ellipsis, and spelling 4 pts

Sequencing: 30 points

Main ideas are

- ◆ accurately identified 15 pts
- ◆ summarized in concise and precise titles 5 pts
- ◆ in accurate order 10 pts

Characterization and Cause and Effect 30 points

Paragraphs:

- ◆ are complete for all six characters 6 pts
- ◆ accurately shows the effects of minor characters actions 12 pts
- ◆ show thoughtful reflections and knowledge of text 12 pts

Characterization and Theme 30 points

Five themes:

- ◆ accurately connect characters and theme 15 pts
- ◆ share thoughtful and creative connections between characters and themes 10 pts
- ◆ shares unique connections between characters and themes 5 pts

Characterization – Biography 50 points

Content: ____/35

- ◆ describes internal and external changes from Jack to Zach to Mack
- ◆ focuses on character not plot or setting
- ◆ explains using specific and important details regarding character
- ◆ employs important, key vocabulary to the writing

Structure: ____/15

- ◆ creates five to six varied and purposeful paragraphs
- ◆ applies proper usage, grammar, punctuation, and spelling
- ◆ writes using correct sentence and paragraph structure
- ◆ paper is neat and handwriting is legible

Plot Points: 40 points

Each section of plot is:

- ◆ accurately identified 15 pts
- ◆ accurately sequenced 10 pts
- ◆ shares information in a concise but complete way 5 pts

Sentences and Paragraphs: 10 points

- ◆ use accurate format
- ◆ use correct grammar and word usage
- ◆ use accurate spelling, capitals, and punctuation

Conflict: 15 points

connections are:

- ◆ accurately made between problems and all conflict types 10 pts
- ◆ are cleverly drawn 5 pts

Universal and Vicarious Experiences: 10 points

- ◆ lists of at least five experiences are shared for both universal and vicarious
- ◆ lists are reasonable and plausible

Socratic Discussion

Written Answers – 30 pts

- ◆ majority of ?s complete
- ◆ accurate
- ◆ details/examples

Inner Circle – 20 pts

Content:

- ◆ encourages group interaction
- ◆ easily expresses ideas
- ◆ supports/explains opinion

Structure:

- ◆ eye contact
- ◆ articulates/annunciates
- ◆ appropriate volume
- ◆ appropriate length
- ◆ appropriate speed

Listening

- ◆ piggybacks answers
- ◆ adds to original answer

acknowledges others

Outer Circle – 10 pts

Listening

- ◆ no speaking,
- ◆ no laughing at,
- ◆ no whispering,
- ◆ no facial expressions
- ◆ no writing personal notes
- ◆ no movements
- ◆ no sighing, guttural sounds, etc.

Notes

- ◆ easily readable
- ◆ complete
- ◆ organized