

## AP Novel / Play Summarization Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** What is the significance of the title? Explain and provide supporting detail.

**Setting:** What is the function of setting in the work? Consider the multiple aspects of setting (geography, time period, occupations, cultural environment, social relationships, religion, and moral standards) in your analysis.

**Conflict:** What is the central conflict (external and/or internal) around which the work centers? Explain.

**Characters:** In analyzing the characters and their roles, create a chart (follow model below) that includes all the following elements:

- List the most important major and minor characters (minimum of five) in the work.
- Provide two precise and vivid adjectives to describe each character. Use vocabulary words that you have learned this year.
- Identify their type (round, dynamic, static, flat, stock).
- Identify each of the characters by their function: for example, narrator, protagonist, antagonist, archetype, foil, confidant, or mentor.
- How do these characters and the roles they play impact the plot and meaning? Support your assessment of the characters with two examples of their actions or statements. For the protagonist, cite two brief quotations that you can memorize to include in an AP exam essay.

**Character 1**  
adjectives  
type  
function  
impact

**Character 2**  
adjectives  
type  
function  
impact

**Character 3**  
adjectives  
type  
function  
impact

**Character 4**  
adjectives  
type  
function  
impact

**Character 5**  
adjectives  
type  
function  
impact

**Plot:** Identify and summarize the five most important plot moments (those that highlight conflict (external or internal) and move the text toward resolution. Make sure to denote the climax or turning point of the work.

**Style:** Choose **two** passages that epitomize the dominant stylistic elements of the work. Note outstanding features of style (allusion, diction, dialect, figurative language, irony, mood, point of view, syntax, tone). Provide specific quotations.

**Theme:** Compose **two** different theme statements for the work. Do any literary elements (motifs, images, symbols, setting details, etc.) appear repeatedly to reinforce each theme? Discuss two crucial scenes that reveal or encapsulate important themes of the book. Locate brief supporting quotations that you can memorize.

For *prose works*, identify the narrator(s), and the narrative style and point of view (first-person major, first-person minor, third-person omniscient, third-person limited, third-person limited omniscient, third-person objective)? How does the narrative structure affect the work's meaning? For *dramatic works*, identify the work as comedy or tragedy or satire, and explain the significance of the genre to the work. Then, discuss how the form of the play contributes to meaning.

Choose two AP prompts for which this work is intensely relevant. For each, create a thesis, construct an outline of your two body paragraphs (with topic sentences and two details as supporting evidence for each topic sentence), and write a concluding statement that suggests theme.