

An Approach Paper on an Author's Work

7th Grade English

You will write an Approach Paper on your chosen book from your assigned author. It will be in the following format.

I. Proper heading with name, date, and title of the book/story. (5 points)

II. Summary Paragraph: (15 points)

This is a four or five sentence paragraph which explains the ENTIRE novel/story using as much description and detail as you can manage. Every sentence must start out in a different way. Prepositional phrases, gerund phrases, and infinitive phrases are examples of different ways you may choose to start. This helps make your writing more interesting to read. This is often the most difficult section of the approach paper to write. It will take some time to condense the happenings of a novel/story into these few sentences which all start in a different way.

III. Character Description: (15 points)

Choose three (3) main characters in your story. By each character's name list five (5) words which describe the character distinctly. Use your dictionary and thesaurus to use vivid descriptive words. If you use a particular word to describe one character, you may NOT use that same word to describe another character. If you have chosen a short story and have only two characters you must have eight (8) words to describe each character.

IV. Discussion/Essay Questions: (15 points)

Write three (3) questions that a teacher might ask you about the novel/story in class or for an essay. These questions should be thought-provoking and always take more than one line to type because they ask the reader to combine more than one idea. Just *writing* these types of questions encourages you to think more insightfully about the book.

