

LETTER ESSAY#1 FOR NOVEL

- purpose to show your understanding of the novel in a more informal way.

HOW?

Write a letter to Mrs. Mahoney discussing the following aspects of the novel:

- a. Reasons why you chose this novel in particular.
- b. What you liked/disliked about the character(s). Be sure to discuss incidents and examples from the story as support for your answer. What do you consider to be some of their most important traits?
- c. The most important quote/passage of the section you have read. Explain why this passage is important. Does it give you important information about the plot, foreshadow events, tell you about character traits, provide irony, discuss theme? Something else?
- d. Discuss what you think the theme is and why. In this section, discuss what your opinion of this author's theme is. Do you agree or disagree with him/her? Why?
- e. Other strengths and/or weaknesses of the novel so far?
- e. Final thoughts and recommendations. Based on what you have read so far, would you recommend this novel to anyone else? Who and when would you do so? Do you have any recommendations for this author? Explain.

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. Use the language of literature: character not guy, theme, plot not 'what was happening', etc.
2. Evaluate NOT re-tell.
3. Use examples/quotes from the novel as support. No generalizations please.
4. Proper punctuation of a novel is to underline the title
Ex. Blink and Caution
5. Be honest. I really don't care if you are critical of the novel or love it, as long as you show you understand the concepts and can provide examples or quotations as support.

