English 11 Novel assignment choices

Part 1: Notes on the novel- Instructions: Everyone Must Complete and Hand in the following notes pages

1. Plot and thoughts sheet
2. Character information sheet
3. Theme information sheet
4. Symbol information sheet

Part 2: Novel discussion groups - Everyone must participate in and contribute to the discussion group sessions.

Part 3: General assignments- Instructions: You must pick one assignment from the choices given for each category. General assignments can be done on your own or with a partner.

a) Plot development- Using one of the following methods, summarize the plot of the novel.

a. Written plot summary

1. Comic strip
2. News story
3. Childrens book
4. Timeline
5. Other idea-see me

b) Character development-Using one of the following devices, utilize evidence from the novel to show how a character develops during the novel, and show what we learn about their background, relationships to other characters, physical appearance, personality, intelligence, beliefs, actions, likes and dislikes, motivations and how they change through the novel. Somewhere in the assignment you must provide the evidence from the novel that has led you to these conclusions about the character you have chosen. You must show at least 10 pieces of evidence to support your conclusions and explain how they support them. It can be integrated into the assignment or separated.

a. Facebook page

1. Character poster/chart
2. Character biography
3. Character Power point/Prezi
4. Character interview –Interview with other characters in the book-asking them what they think of the character (using evidence from the story)
5. Other idea- see me

c) Theme development- Using one of the following methods, show how a theme has been presented and developed throughout the novel. Somewhere in the assignment you must provide evidence you have obtained from the novel that supports that theme development. You must show at least 10 pieces of evidence to support your conclusions and explain how they support them. It can be integrated into the assignment or separated.

a. Poster

1. Collage
2. Comic strip of how theme is developed
3. Power point/prezi
4. Written description (in paragraphs)
5. Other- see me

d) Symbol development -Using one of the following methods, show how a symbol has been presented and/or how many symbols have been used to represent a concept, and show how it has been developed throughout the novel. Somewhere in the assignment you must provide evidence you have obtained from the novel that supports that symbol development. You must show at least 10 pieces of evidence to support your conclusions and explain how they support them. It can be integrated into the assignment or separated.

a. Poster

b. Collage

c. Comic strip of how symbol is developed

d. Power point/prezi

e. Written description (in paragraphs)

f. Other- see me

e) Literary terms- Use one of the following methods to identify and explain the use of the following literary terms in the novel. (protagonist, antagonist, climax, setting, suspense, mood/atmosphere, resolution/conclusion, rising action, falling action, round character, flat character, dynamic character, static character, stock/stereotyped character, man vs man, man vs himself, man vs nature, point of view, flashback, foreshadowing, irony, allusion, simile, metaphor.)

a. Worksheets to identify examples of literary terms used in the novel

1. Flash card examples of literary terms used in the novel
2. Poster examples of literary terms used in the novel
3. Create a game designed to find examples of literary terms used in the novel
4. Other idea- see me

Part 4: Narrative essay Instructions: Create a thesis statement for a narrative essay based on one of the themes in the novel. Further information will be provided.

Part 5: Persuasive Essay Instructions: You must pick one assignment from the choices given. Further information will be provided.

a. Persuasive essay theme- ie. The main theme of The Green Mile is…or Three themes in The Green Mile are…

b. Persuasive essay on one symbol ie. One of the main symbols used in The Green Mile is… or Three main

symbols used in The Green Mile are…

1. Someone who maintains a set of beliefs and is murdered because of them is called a martyr. In your opinion, is John Coffey a martyr? Give three main points that show he is or is not. A possible thesis statement could be: In the novel, The Green Mile John Coffey is a perfect example of a martyr.
2. Historically, racism has played a major role in the lives of blacks in the southern US states, especially in relation to the legal system. Identify at least three occasions where you believe racism contributed to John Coffey’s death. A possible thesis statement could be: Racism was a major contributing factor in John Coffey’s death.
3. Through the series, Paul Edgecombe is portrayed as a fairly religious man. Cite at least three times in the series when his religious beliefs affected his decision-making process, and what the outcome was each time.

A possible thesis statement could be: Paul Edgecombe’s religious beliefs greatly affect the decisions he makes in the novel The Green Mile.

1. Mr. Jingles, the mouse, could be said to represent freedom (being the only thing or person that could come and go as he pleased). A possible thesis statement could be: Mr. Jingles represents freedom in the novel The Green Mile.
2. Is Stephen King for or against the death penalty? From the novel, select evidence that proves your argument and present it in your essay. A possible thesis statement could be: In the novel The Green Mile the author, Stephen King, is obviously (against/for) the death penalty.
3. Paul Edgecombe changes over the course of the story. What changes can your see? Explain the changes and what causes them. A possible thesis statement could be: The events that occur during the novel The Green Mile have a profound affect on Paul Edgecombe and change his outlook on life.

l. Other idea for a thesis statment- see me

Part 6: Book and Movie Comparison Instructions: You must pick one assignment from the choices given. Further information will be provided.

a. Book and movie comparison paragraphs

1. Book and movie comparison essay
2. Other idea- see me