

Independent Reading Mid- Unit Assessment Task

You are going to be handing in this task as a hard copy. Please title it "Mid- Unit Assessment Task". Remember that without reflection, there cannot be growth, so please be sure to take your time answering these questions both *thoroughly* as well as *thoughtfully* and remember that your effort on these assessments is calculated into the end of the year MT grade for this unit.

- 1) List all of the books that you have read so far this year for your weekly Independent Reading. Describe specifically for each one why you would or wouldn't recommend them for others to read and give them each a rating from 1 to 10 with 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest.
- 2) How successful were you in meeting your weekly reading goal each week first semester? Please elaborate and be honest.
- 3) On average, how much time have you spent this year reading your independent reading books OUTSIDE of school? Again, please elaborate.
- 4) Be honest, do you feel that the Independent Reading Unit has helped you enjoy reading more or has it had the opposite effect on you? Please explain and be as specific as you can.
- 5) How does a fiction text cause a reader to wonder about ideas? After reviewing the list of books you have read so far this year from question #1, identify an idea that you came to during or after reading one of your independent novels. In 1 to 2 well developed paragraphs, explain how the work prompted your thinking, using specific examples from the text. In addition, provide 1 to 2 examples from current or historical events that illustrate the idea you are now interested in reading more about. Explain how knowledge about this personally important idea will impact your own life.
- 6) So far, for the Independent Reading Unit, explain the grade that you would give yourself spanning from September to today. Be sure to include WHY you feel you have earned the particular grade.
- 7) Discuss how you plan on maintaining or improving your independent reading as we proceed into the second semester. Remember that your independent reading will now count as a MT come May...
- 8) What could make this reading unit a more enjoyable experience for you? Be specific as well as reasonable (no, I cannot afford to provide food and drinks for everyone ;) . .