**BOOK REVIEW OUTLINE**

**Assignment:** Write a book review about your self-directed novel. In your review, you should critique the novel. Also, discuss the novel’s strong and weak points, so that other high school students can decide whether or not they want to read the novel. Please don’t give away the end of the story! Incorporate quotations in order to help give readers a better sense of the author’s writing style and further explain your points. *50 pts.*

I. Introduction

Hook

Give the name of the book and author, you may also include interesting background information or facts about the author and/or the book’s creation.

Genre of the novel (i.e. adventure, satire, psychological, romance, war, thriller, historical, etc.)

Setting

Very brief summary statement (1-2 sentences)

II. Discussion of Character Development

Give a brief description of the main character(s).

What happens to the characters (without giving away the story)?

Conflicts? Resolutions?

Is the main character trying to achieve something or overcome a particular problem? Describe a few of the more important things that happen to the main character as he/she works toward that goal or solution.

III. Author’s Style

Structure of the novel

Language Style-dialogue amongst the characters

Realistic? How So? Is the setting Realistic? Explain.

Overall writing style? Does the author’s style affect the reader? (making connections)

IV. Real-life Application

Compare and contrast this novel to the modern real world.

Discuss how you can relate to the setting, characters, plot and/or theme of the novel.

V. Evaluation- Conclusion

Discuss the strong points.

Discuss the weak points.

Would you recommend the novel? Who, exactly, would like this novel, even if you did not? What do you really think about this novel?

Format:

* 3rd person (he/she/it) (Evaluation paragraph may be in first person)
* 12pt. font, Times New Roman, black ink
* Double-spaced with no extra space in between paragraphs
* Header on top left corner with Name, Date, Class and Assignment
* Your original work