

8th Grade Summer Reading Journal: “Johnny Tremain” by Esther Forbes“

Reflections of the Main Character

In addition to your plot summary, you will need to keep a short journal of the novel you are reading. You are required to write four (4) journal entries reflecting on the main character of your chosen novel, in the following format, and have them ready to turn in when you arrive at school this fall.

Requirements:

- Each entry should be at least one page in length with each question answered thoroughly in separate paragraphs. (Remember; a paragraph is **at least** 5 sentences in length.
- The final project is to be typed, 12 point – Times New Roman Font; double-spaced

Journal Entry # 1 – at least one page in length.

After reading the first half of your novel, answer the following questions from the *point of view of the main character*. Use quotes and examples from the novel to support your position.

- ☐ How do I view life?
- ☐ What do I believe in?
- ☐ What is important to me?
- ☐ What gets on my nerves or frustrates me?

Journal Entry # 2 – at least one page in length.

Once you have finished the novel, you need to answer the following questions from the *point of view of the main character* and *reflecting over the whole novel and the changes that the main character has undergone*. Your answers should be somewhat different from your original answers in the previous entry in order to reflect the character’s growth.

- ☐ How do I view life?
- ☐ What do I believe in?
- ☐ What is important to me?
- ☐ What gets on my nerves or frustrates me?

Journal Entry # 3 – at least one page in length

Reflecting on your reading and the main character, choose three out of the following four questions to answer from the *point of view of the main character*. Use examples from the novel to support your position.

- ☐ If the main character were a high school student, what extracurricular activities would he/she be involved in, and why?
- ☐ What group of friends would the main character associate with and why?
- ☐ What kind of friend would the main character make? Would you want to be their friend and why?
- ☐ Name at least two personality traits you admire in the main

character and two

Journal Entry # 4 – at least one page in length

Reflecting on your reading and the main character, find 3 scriptures that relate to your characters actions or attitude about life in the novel. These may be scriptures that exemplifies the characters qualities or scriptures that would help the character to become a better person. Make a chart with each of the 3 verses as headings. Under each verse, list 3 ways this scripture either describes the characters assets or could be used to improve the characters point of view.