

AP Language and Composition
Summer Novel Notes

Directions: After finishing your reading, complete a **typed synopsis** of the author's work using the questions below to guide you. This analysis will help you build close reading skills and prepare for our quarterly reading throughout the year. Limit your use of online resources. Your reactions and interpretations should be central.

Author _____

Work's Title _____

How does the author begin the novel?

What is the novel mostly about?

How does the novel end?

Examine important themes in the work.

Include one important quote/passage with parenthetical reference (your quote should illustrate theme, style or both).

Analyze the literary techniques and/or stylistic devices the author uses. (How does the author craft the novel?)

Discuss one excerpt of literary criticism (positive or negative) written on your author. You should paraphrase the critic's comments in your own words and include a parenthetical reference.

How successful is your author in your personal opinion?