

## Critical Reading: Novels

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Book Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Author \_\_\_\_\_ Published by \_\_\_\_\_

This assignment is designed to help you think about each section of the book individually, and to consider how each section contributes to the overall point of the text. Please answer the questions below for each section, and then write a **summary** of the book in your own words.

### **Preview the book**

In one sentence explain what you understand about the book from the back cover or inside the front cover:

First, look up the author on Google. Summarize what you learned about the author from Google.

What do you think the book is about based on the title and design?

What questions do you have about the content of the book that you hope will be answered as you are reading?

**Next you will read the article section by section, and answer the questions as you go.**

## Section 1

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Page number at the beginning \_\_\_\_\_ Page number at the end \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize what you learned from this section:

What new questions do you have about the plot, characters, or problem being presented that you hope will be answered soon?

## Section 2

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Page number at the beginning \_\_\_\_\_ Page number at the end \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize what happened in this section:

What new questions do you have about the plot, characters, or problem being presented that you hope will be answered soon?

### **Section 3**

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Page number at the beginning \_\_\_\_\_ Page number at the end \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize what happened in this section.

What new questions do you have about the plot, characters, or problem being presented that you hope will be answered soon?

### **Section 4**

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Page number at the beginning \_\_\_\_\_ Page number at the end \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize what happened in this section.

What new questions do you have about the plot, characters, or problem being presented that you hope will be answered soon?

## Section 5

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Page number at the beginning \_\_\_\_\_ Page number at the end \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize what happened in this section.

What new questions do you have about the plot, characters, or problem being presented that you hope will be answered soon?

## Section 6

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Page number at the beginning \_\_\_\_\_ Page number at the end \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize what happened in this section.

What new questions do you have about the plot, characters, or problem being presented that you hope will be answered soon?

## Section 7

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Page number at the beginning \_\_\_\_\_ Page number at the end \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize what happened in this section.

What new questions do you have about the plot, characters, or problem being presented that you hope will be answered soon?

## Section 8

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Page number at the beginning \_\_\_\_\_ Page number at the end \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize what happened in this section.

What new questions do you have about the plot, characters, or problem being presented that you hope will be answered soon?

## Conclusion

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What do you think the author intended for you to learn from this book?

What happened in this book that surprised you the most?

How does the book relate to (and/or differ from) other readings from this class?

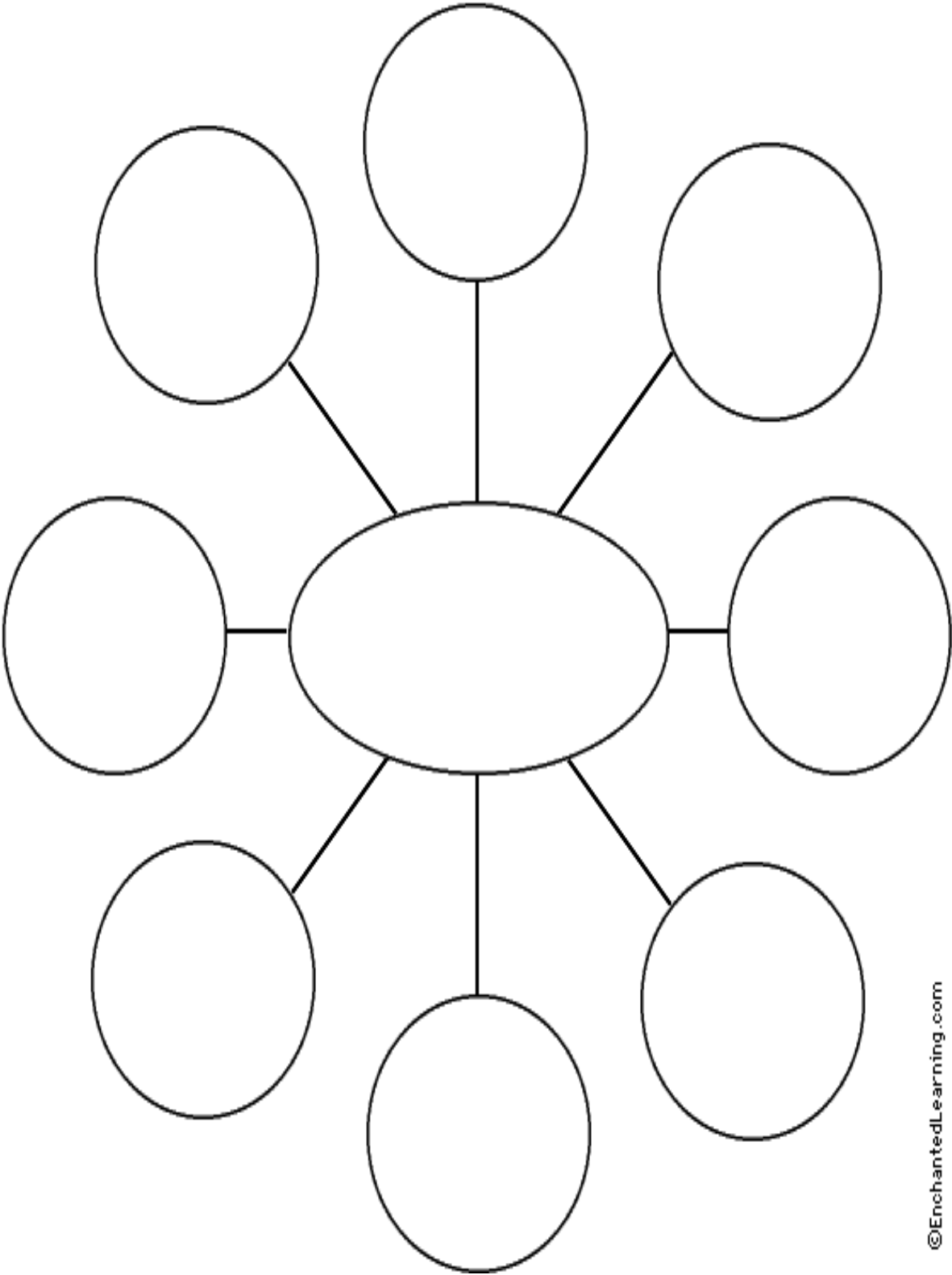
You will now use your answers from each section to fill in the bubble chart on the following page. Fill out each bubble below by writing the **main point(s)** (not the examples or small details) of each section in a corresponding bubble.

You will then write the **main idea** of the entire text in the middle bubble.

Next, review the entire bubble chart in order to write a clear, comprehensive **one paragraph summary** of the novel below. This should not focus on listing small details, or covering all of the plot points, but should cover the **main ideas** so that a student who did not read the novel would understand the gist, the purpose, and any other larger meaning the author(s) intended.

Finally, condense your **summary** into one clear **thesis statement** (try to do this in just one or two sentences) that explains the purpose of the text.

Complete the bubble chart below first, then write your summary and thesis statement on the following page.



**Final Summary:**

**Thesis statement (1-3 sentences):**