Novel Study English 10

LETTER ESSAY #2

In this letter, you need to include:

1. The most important event so far and why you think it’s important.
2. A key quote (include page # you found the quote on) Why do you think it’s important? What do you think it means?
3. The most important relationship within the novel and why.
4. A surprise so far – what surprised you? If you found no surprises, how did you know what was going to happen?
5. 3 connections you made to either your personal life or to history, current events, songs, movies, etc.

REMEMBER THE KEYS TO AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE:

1. INTERESTING TITLE – Not Letter Essay #2
2. SMOOTH FLOWING SENTENCES WITH EFFECTIVE TRANSITIONS.
3. CLEAR AND SPECFIC EXAMPLES FROM THE NOVEL (QUOTES WHERE POSSIBLE).
4. PROPER PUNCTUATION OF THE TITLE – UNDERLINE NOVEL TITLES.
5. USE THE LANGUAGE OF LITERATURE.
6. ORGANIZATION: A BODY PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE AT LEAST 5 SENTENCES AND CONTAIN A TOPIC SENTENCE.

Using your draft, have a peer use the checklist/instructions below to review your draft.

WRITER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PEER EDITOR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Peer Revision Checklist:

\_\_\_ Explains the most important event so far and why it’s important.

\_\_\_ Includes a key quote. Explains its importance and meaning.

\_\_\_ Explains the most important relationship in the novel.

\_\_\_ Explains a surprise in the novel or explains how they knew what was going to happen.

\_\_\_ Makes three connections to either their personal life or to history, current events, songs, movies, etc.

\_\_\_ Letter essay has a creative/catchy title

\_\_\_ Uses the language of literature including the term ‘novel’ not ‘book’  
CIRCLE all examples of language of literature.

\_\_\_ Provides specific examples AND QUOTES which support each topic.

Uses at least 2 examples of:  
\_\_\_ compound sentence – Indicate with CP  
\_\_\_ complex sentence – Indicate with CX  
\_\_\_ compound complex sentence – Indicate with CCX

\_\_\_Uses transition words both within the paragraphs and linking each paragraph. UNDERLINE transition words.

\_\_\_Each paragraph has a topic sentence which encompasses the entire paragraph’s  
content. Use [ ] to indicate topic sentences.

Suggestions: