

Independent Reading Unit Final Assignment

Final Assignment Option #1: Graph and Explanatory Statement

For this assignment, you will make a 3-line graph that charts the major influences that shape your character. It will have three lines, representing three primary aspects of your character's personality or sense of self. Your y-axis will mark the "level" of each of these character traits over time; your x-axis will be chronological, and will include major events in your character's life. (See attached example.)

Your graph must be accompanied by an explanatory statement in which you use specifics from the text to support and explain:

- the importance of each of the three character traits (or aspects of your character's sense of self) that you chose
- the changes you graph in each of the above
- the importance of each of the major events on your x-axis
- the connection between each event and the changes in your character

In order to fully explain your chart, the statement should be at least two pages, double spaced.

Note: We know that not every aspect of your character's identity will be directly affected by each event on your chart. Still, you need to make a choice about where to draw the line. Make a reasonable inference or guess, and be sure to explain your thinking in your statement.

Final Assignment Option #2: Essay

If you would prefer to write an analytical essay, you are welcome to do so. You must:

- have something interesting to say about your book
- meet with Ms. Brody or Ms. Staples to clarify your thesis (see above)
- run your outline by Ms Brody or Ms. Staples before you begin to write

Essays should be approximately 3 pages, double spaced.

Due Wednesday, January 6

**Independent Reading Unit
Assessment Rubric for Final Assignment
Graph & Explanation**

Name _____

Book _____

Analysis	
Your graph and explanatory notes demonstrate a thorough and accurate understanding of the book	
You convincingly support your choices of elements to graph (providing specific evidence for the text).	
You convincingly support your analysis of the effects of circumstances and events on your character (providing specific evidence for the text).	
Composition	
Your graph is clear and easy to understand	
Your explanatory notes are clear and logically organized	
Your explanatory notes adhere to the conventions of syntax, grammar, punctuation and spelling.	
Work Habits	
Your graph and explanatory notes are handed in on time.	

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Essay

Name _____

Book _____

Analysis		
You have a clear, thoughtful thesis.		
Your thesis and analysis are fully developed.		
Your analysis is text-based. It is supported by specific examples and/or quotes.		
Composition		
Your essay is logically organized. It is easy to follow your reasoning.		
Your language is clear and direct.		
You adhere to the conventions of syntax, grammar, punctuation and spelling.		
Work Habits		
Your essay is handed in on time		