Advanced Placement Language Reading Log

# Directions

Use the content below as a template for reporting on your book. **Strictly** adhere to the format—make your paper look like what you see here (match bold to bold, use headings, bullets, etc.), with your OWN content added. It is a form, not an essay. The only parts of it that should be written in paragraph form are the response sections at the end. If this form somehow does not suit your book’s content, **adapt** the form so that it will, and then explain to me what you have done in a note **above the form.** The purpose of this assignment: prove to me that you have read the entire book with an **active, engaged mind.**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Genre: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Author: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Pages: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**1. Brief Summary and “Arrangement” of the book:**

Include comments on how the book is structured. Does it have chapters? How many? How are they organized? This section can be done in a bulleted format with brief (2-3 sentences) summaries by chapter if that works for the book. Include comments on elements such as preface, introduction, appendix, notes, bibliography, index, etc.

**2. Rhetorical Analysis:** Comment briefly (3-5 sentences-ish) on the rhetorical elements below. The purpose of this section is to highlight the book’s distinctive features.

SOAPSTONE:

* Speaker
* Occasion
* Audience
* Purpose
* Subject & Style
* Tone
* Devices- Here, you should include as many rhetorical devices (allusion, figurative language, ethos, pathos, logos, diction, detail, syntax, colloquialisms, tone, sarcasm, etc.) as you can find. You should include **AT LEAST 25 terms.** You should understand how and why each is used. This should also be done AS YOU READ. Give examples, using quotations, and cite them- \*(Fitzgerald, 34).\*

**3. Delivery-** (Remember, “delivery” refers to the appearance of the book, its physicality. This includes font style, white space, visuals, front & back cover—what message about the book are the publishers sending with their choices?)

**4. Analytical Questions:** Reading with an active, engaged mind will lead you to ask questions. These questions may be specific questions, such as questions about an unclear story, or something that you didn’t understand, OR they may be deeper, more philosophical questions regarding an issue that you found with the book or an argument within the book. Example for *Outliers*- 1. How can we relate this book to our everyday lives in order to be more successful?

**5. Personal Response:** So, how was it? Did you like it, or not? Why? What did you gain by reading? How would you praise the book? How would you criticize the book? Do you recommend keeping it on the list? Why?

**\*\*\*Note- it is easier to keep up with formatting by downloading this file and typing it up within the template. For this file, go to my webpage (sterry4jma.weebly.com), choose AP Language, go to the “Independent Reading” tab and click “Independent Reading Log Template”\*\*\***