

# Lit-7 and Eng-7 Book Report 1st Quarter

Due by Wed., 10/7/09

The book report will be written as an essay. Requirements are listed below.

1. The first paragraph is an **introduction** to the book report.
  - a. Include the name of the book, author, length, publisher, and year published. These should all be explicit. (Explicit means said directly, for example: “The title of the book is The Red Pony, and the author is John Steinbeck.”)
2. In the second paragraph/section **describe the main character**
  - a. Include the main character’s name, physical description, and age. Also describe the changes the character goes through in the story, including physically, emotionally, and/or spiritually.
3. In the third paragraph/section tell me the **setting, point of view, and conflict** in the story. Make all of these explicit. For example, “The setting of the story is New York City during the Depression in the 1930s.” If there are multiple settings in the story, tell me about the main three.
4. In the fourth paragraph/section tell me an incident from the **Rising Action**. Also tell me about the **Climax**, and an incident from the **Falling Action**. Also be explicit with these events.
5. In the final (concluding) paragraph/section tell me about how you feel about the book overall. In this paragraph pretend you are **reviewing the book**, and making a recommendation to read or not to read (thumbs up or thumbs down). Did you like it, or not? Would you recommend the book to others? If you would recommend the book, to what audience: boys, girls, age, adults, people with a particular interest, or who like a certain genre?

The book report should be between 500-750+ words when it is completed. If some sections require more than one paragraph, that’s fine. **But don’t tell me the whole story, just summarize.** An **edited draft** is due to Mrs. Mangan by Wed., 10/7.

6. Make sure your draft includes the following elements to be graded:
  - a. Header or Title Page
  - b. Title on first page of text
  - c. Double-spaced
  - d. Page Numbers
  - e. Word Count
  - f. Edited by (one adult and one student)