

Name: _____

Novel Title: _____

Literature Circles Activity Sheet

Discussion #: _____

Directions: Complete one of these pages for each week of literature circles. All parts of the weekly assignment should be completed and turned in the day of the scheduled literature circle discussion.

Part 1: Reading for Discussion

Read the assigned section of reading before arriving in class on discussion day.

Part 2: Cognitive Reading Post-Its

- Good readers actively engage with the text on the page. They do this by using cognitive reading strategies. As you read each section of your novel, you will complete 5 Cognitive Reading Post-Its. If Post-Its are not available, you should use pieces of paper cut to the same size as Post-Its.

- You should use your "Cognitive Reading Strategies" page for help when deciding what information to include on the Post-Its.

- 8 different strategies are provided on the sheet. Each week, Post-Its should utilize at least 3 different strategies.

- Cognitive Reading Post-Its should be stuck in the novel on the page/sentence where the active reading occurs. After the class discussion, you will collect the Post-Its and staple them to this page (over example in one pile) to turn in.

Part 3: Your Discussion Questions

Write two discussion questions that can be used during group discussion. These questions should relate to a particular event or quote from the text. Provide the page number and your response to each question before the group discussion.

REMEMBER: Discussion questions do NOT evoke a "yes" or "no" response from group members. Explanation, opinions with support, or analysis are usually required.

Page #(s) Referenced: _____ Discussion Question #1: _____

Your Response: _____

Page #(s) Referenced: _____ Discussion Question #2: _____

Your Response: _____

Example of Cognitive Reading Post-It:

Making Connections

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This part of the Post-It should include your thoughts based on your chosen cognitive reading strategy. For example, you could make a connection, reflect on the author's craft, make a prediction, ask a question, describe what you are visualizing, clarify or summarize something, or decide the importance of an event. This part should be a MINIMUM of two thoughtful sentences. Use the back or more Post-Its if necessary.

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