

Omnibus Book Report

Month: February Due: 7th – Feb. 28; 8th – Feb. 29

Book Requirements: from the book list in the Library

Name: _____

Book Chosen: _____

Length: 4 paragraphs (4 sentences each for 7th Grade; 5 sentences each for 8th)

Format: Handwritten neatly or typed (12-point font, Times New Roman, 1” margins, double-spaced.)

For this report, you will be writing an “elenctic” essay. This is a kind of essay that is based on the Socratic method of questions and answers.

- (1) Identify an interesting, major concept in your book (something like “friendship,” “corruption,” “hospitality,” or “temptation”—but don’t use one of those).
- (2) Think of an interesting, debatable question about that idea.
- (3) Decide what you believe is the right answer to that question.
- (4) Present a debate: first present what you believe is the wrong answer to the question; then present what you believe is the right answer.

Five points for each box: excellent (5), satisfactory (4), needs improvement (2), incomplete (1), and missing (0).
4 bonus points for every week it is turned in early.

	Paragraph is in correct format (see “length” and “format” above). Add 1 sentence required for 5 pts.	Paragraph is on-topic and includes the required content.	Sentences support main idea of paragraph; citations are included.	Word choice is vivid and interesting, and sentence structure is complex and varied	Is neat, with good grammar/spelling. (5 points for mistake/sloppiness free.)
Introduction: Present your question. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and define your concept. Tell me how this idea is a major part of your book. Ask your interesting, debatable question about that concept. 					
Wrong Answer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present the wrong answer; start with “It seems like...” Explain why this wrong answer might make sense to some people. Make reference to your book and/or the Bible. Tell me why you disagree with this answer. 					
Right Answer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present the right answer; start with “I believe...” Explain why you believe this is the right answer. Make reference to your book and/or the Bible. 					
Conclusion: Summarize your argument. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remind the reader of the question, the wrong answer, and your right answer. 					

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