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Date: _____

Period: _____

Independent Reading

First Quarter | Book One

Directions: Each quarter, you are responsible for reading one book and completing the accompanying packet required with this book. The due date for the first book is: _____. The written component of this assignment is worth 50 points. The vocabulary component is worth 20 points. Any questions that you have regarding the assignment should be confronted well in advance of the due date. I will approve your book selection. It should be a book you haven't read yet.

Independent Reading Assignment Breakdown

1. Reading Component: Select book, receive teacher approval, & READ the book
2. Writing Component: Write a book report
3. Vocabulary Component: Complete the self-selected vocabulary assignment
4. Presentation Component: Be ready to discuss your book at the end

Written Component Guidelines:

Your book report should be between 1 and 3 pages. Your word count should be **at least** 250 words. You need to type this assignment. This is an out-of-class expectation. If you do not have a computer at home, you can type your essay during study hall, lunch, or before or after school in the library. You do **not** want to procrastinate. Plan ahead. Be responsible.

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→ 12-point Font

→ Double-Spaced

→ 1-inch Margins

First Paragraph: Synopsis/Summary

Tell me which book you read and identify the author. Explain what the book is about. Tell me how the plot diagram folds out in your book. Be sure to emphasize how characters develop through the text. Which characters are static? Which characters are dynamic? Do not worry about spoilers. What were major events that stood out to you? What kind of conflict do you notice?

Second Paragraph: Your Opinion

Give me your opinion of the book. Did you like it? Hate it? Love it? Explain your opinion. In this section, you need to find three examples from the book and tell me how these textual examples solidified your opinion.

Example: I did NOT like *Twilight*, because Bella was too dependent on Edward and did not seem to think about herself. In the book, she says, "You are my life. You're the only thing it would hurt me to lose" (#). Her excessive need for Edward in her life shows teenage girls that unhealthy and unrealistic relationships are okay. Bella shows no individuality. This also shows teenage girls that they need someone else to be important.

Third Paragraph: Recommendations

Who would you recommend this book to? This could be an individual person or maybe a type of person. For example, basketball players, English teachers, romantics, etc.)/ Make sure that you explain why this person or group of people would enjoy this book. You need to make a recommendation, even if you personally hated the book. Really think about who might like it, even if you did not.

