

Independent Reading Assignment

Paper Due: **December 10, 2009**

Choose a novel **of an appropriate reading level** that has been made into a movie. It must be a book you **have not read before**.

Read the book and watch the movie.

You will then respond to them in a paper of 3-4 pages.

Your paper must be in MLA format.

Your paper must be on time. I will not accept it late!

These are the things your paper should include.

Intro paragraph:

Title and author of the novel

Title of the movie, include the year it was made and who was in it

Basic plot summary (something that works for both)

Explanation of which you read/watched first

Body paragraphs (break them up however you think it works best):

Differences--Choose two or three major differences between the novel and the movie to discuss. Make sure these are big differences! It can be a change in the plot, setting, characterization, or anything else you feel is significant.

Explain the difference, using specifics from both the book and the movie.

Discuss why you think the change was made. In the end, which was more effective, the way the book did it or the way the movie did?

Your personal connection—did you relate to one of the main characters? In what way? Did your ability vary from book to movie? Why?

What was your favorite, or least favorite, part in the book? In the movie? If it is different, why?

Conclusion:

In the end, which did you like better, the book or the movie? Did reading the book change your opinion of the movie or vice versa?