

Classic Novel Literature Circle Independent Element

Directions: During your group reading and analysis of a classic British novel, you will also take your own notes so that you are actively engaging in the reading process.

Vocabulary Acquisition Assignment

Each day, you must locate at least two words in your reading that are unfamiliar to you and that you would like to incorporate into your own vocabulary.

1. Write the sentence from the book with the word in it and indicate page number in a parenthetical citation.
2. Write the definition(s) of the word. If multiple definitions exist, choose the definition that fits the context of the book's sentence.
3. Create a sentence of your own using the new word in proper context.

Seven Habits Organizer Assignment

You will document your use of the seven habits of effective readers (background knowledge, visualization, connection, prediction, inference, questioning, and synthesis) by recording quotations and your reflections. You must record your use of 3 habits each reading day.

vocabulary example:

Fiasco

- "Thirty men were injured, my commanding officer among them. It was something of a fiasco." (77)
- Fiasco: a total failure, especially a humiliating or ludicrous one
- The county spelling bee turned out to be a fiasco when I spelled the last word wrong and ended my chances of competing in the state spelling bee.

Effective Reading Habits example:

Prediction

- "Do you know where you are going, and what you are going to?' She was in such evident distress that I tried to comfort her, but without effect. Finally she went down on her knees and implores me not to go; at least to wait a day or two before starting. It was all very ridiculous but I did not feel comfortable." (4)
- Despite being warned so vehemently by the village woman he meets on his travels, Jonathan Harker dismisses her concerns. Because he is oblivious to the signs of danger around him, he appears doomed to experience some terrible event in the future.