Reading Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

First Quarter Book Report Rubric Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The First Quarter Book Report is a brief **summary of the plot**, not a retelling of the entire story! Paragraphs should be just long enough to include the necessary information, but should avoid getting too detailed. **This report is to be handwritten in cursive.**

Part I: The Introduction (1 paragraph)

This paragraph should include the following and be 3 to 5 sentences in length.

* Book title and author’s name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3
* Description of the setting (time and place) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/4
* BRIEF introduction/description of the main character(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/6
* Type of fiction (i.e. fantasy, adventure, mystery, suspense, historical, science, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/3
* Point of view (i.e. first person or third person) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/2
* Theme (moral/underlying message) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/2

Part II: The Body (3 paragraphs)

The body of the book report summarizes the story and gives highlights of the plot. These 3 paragraphs

should contain 5-8 sentences each:

* Body Paragraph 1 – Rising Action \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10

How does the story begin?

What is the crisis that the character(s) are involved in?

* Body Paragraph 2 – Climax of the Plot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10

What is the point of highest emotion/tension?

What is the turning point of the story?

* Body Paragraph 3 – Falling Action \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10

 How is the conflict resolved?

Part III: The Conclusion (1 paragraph)

Recount the end of the story. The conclusion “ties up” the story so that there are no loose ends. The

reader of your report understands exactly what happened to the characters at the end of the book.

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Over-all presentation of the book report

 Use of the 6 Traits of Writing: Ideas, Word Choice, Organization, Sentence Fluency,

 Voice, Conventions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/25

Presentation – Neat, proper heading, margins observed, no extra spaces between paragraphs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/15

Deadlines Met

Preapproval Notes, Rough Draft, Final Copy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/20

**Parent’s signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/5

Total Points \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/125

Final Grade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_%

**Note**: Do not use “I” or any personal pronouns or personal information as this is an informative paper. Also, ALL characters that you will be talking about in the report need to be introduced in the first paragraph along with a brief description. Please keep your information relevant, avoiding too much detail.