***Independent Novel Study***

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Task #1: Reading**

Read at least ***one*** of the novels offered by your teacher. You will have 15-20 minutes to read at the start of each class. You may take the novel home.

***\*\*Don’t leave the novel at home – this will be reflected in your work habits mark!***

**Task #2: Journal**

Complete a ***double-entry journal****.*

***1. Left-hand column… Briefly summarize what happened in the story!***

**List** 3 most important events in point form!

***2. Right-hand column… Don’t tell what happened in the story!***

Give your ***personal thoughts*** about what is happening in the novel in complete sentences.

**Comment on character development:**

* + - 1. How does a character enhance or diminish the reader’s enjoyment?
			2. Analyze a character – ***Explain his or her actions/thoughts/words***
			3. How does a character show growth? What has he/she learned?

**Comment on plot:**

1. How has conflict added to or taken away from the plot?

2. How has the author used the element of surprise or predictability?

3. How has the setting enhanced or diminished the plot?

**Make a personal comment…**

 1. What is your personal reaction to the events in the novel?

1. Does this story remind you of a personal experience? Explain.
2. Discuss an issue raised in the story from your personal point of view.