

### **Extra Credit Reading Journal**

Answer the following questions carefully and thoroughly. Please use relevant textual evidence to support your ideas. Be sure to identify the book's title and author's name.

**Due:** first week of English class

**Length:** approximately 3 pages, handwritten neatly

- (a) Write a one-page reaction statement to the book that you read. Be specific in your thoughts about points that you liked or didn't like about the book, ideas that intrigued you, etc. Be sure to include **specific textual references**. Include page numbers.
- (b) Cite a memorable passage of no more than thirty words or three sentences from the book. Include page number(s). Explain *why* you have chosen this passage from the book.
- (c) Describe your first impression of one character or event that you find interesting. Give at least **three** examples of textual evidence that supports or generates this impression. Be sure to include the page numbers.
- (d) Identify what causes a significant change in one character, and describe the results of that change. This change may be the consequence of a choice, a conflict of some kind that has to be resolved, a display of some outstanding trait like courage, or even the result of an action or event that occurs during the story.