

Historical Fiction Novel Response Options

Choose from the following responses to complete using the historical fiction novels that you are reading. At the top of your paper, please list the title and author of the novel to which you are referring.

- 1. Book Jacket:** Make a book jacket for one of the novels that you read in this genre. Follow these directions to make your book cover:
 - ☆ Fold a BLANK piece of paper in half (like a book).
 - ☆ On the front of the "book," design a cover. Your cover should include the title and author of the novel, and a picture. The picture should be in color. **Do not** copy the real cover of the book (you are designing your own)!!
 - ☆ Open the "book" and write a "teaser-type" summary that tells the main idea of the story and would make someone want to read the book (don't give away the ending!). Please type and glue inside, or write in black pen.
 - ☆ Make up three names of imaginary newspapers. On the back of the book jacket, write three quotes about your book, one from each "newspaper." (ex. "The excitement started on the first page and continued until the last. You won't be able to put this book down!"— *The Charlotte Press*)
- 2. Illustrate:** Create a "photo album" to go with one of the novels that you read. Draw 5 pictures (color, or pen-and-ink) that show the major events in your story. Write a caption under each picture that tells what you are showing. Bind your "photos" together creatively to look like an album.
- 3. Newspaper Article:** Figure out the time period (ex. 1820's, 1930's, etc.) during which one of the novels you read is set. Imagine that you are a newspaper writer during that time period. Choose one **major event** that happened during this time period (invention, battle, natural disaster, election, etc.) and write an informational newspaper article about it. You may have to do a bit of research to do this well.
- 4. Theme (the main lesson about life that is present in the story):** The books that you are reading for this genre all tell about historical events. Authors often use historical events to express specific themes in their novels. What was the theme of one of the novels that you read? Use examples from the novel to explain how the author showed this theme.
- 5. Characterization:** Choose a character from one of the novels that you read. Describe this character's appearance and personality using detailed adjectives. What conclusions can you draw about this character? What did the character do/say/think that caused you to draw these conclusions?