

Mystery Novel Response Options

Choose from the following responses to complete using the mystery 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. **Drawing Conclusions:** In a mystery novel, it is sometimes difficult to figure out which characters are the "good guys" and which are the "bad guys." The best way to do this is to use the information that the author gives you to draw conclusions (make judgments) about each character. Choose 2 characters from one of the mysteries that you read. Explain the conclusions that you drew about each character (make sure to give examples from the story that you used to make your conclusions). Were your conclusions correct?
2. **Point of View:** Choose a character from the story who was **NOT** the narrator. Rewrite an exciting part of the story from this character's point of view (when you're writing, think about how this character would describe the situation differently than the narrator did).
3. **Life Connections:** Have you ever had to solve a mystery like one of the characters in the novels you read? How did you go about collecting clues? How did you finally discover the solution to the mystery? Did you use any of the same techniques to solve your mystery as were used by a character in one of the novels you read? Explain.
4. **Illustrate:** Most mysteries include a set of clues that the characters must follow in order to solve the mystery. Draw a story "map" that shows the point in the story when each clue was discovered. Be creative, and make sure that your map shows how this "trail of clues" lead to the solving of the mystery.