

# Realistic Novel Response Options

Choose from the following responses to complete using the realistic 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. Why We Read:** Choose one of the realistic novels that you read. *Why* did you choose this particular novel to read (what made you want to read it)? Was the book as good as you thought it would be? Explain.
- 2. Character Map:** Choose your favorite character from the realistic novels that you have read. To make your map, write your character's name in the center of the page and put a circle around it. Draw three other circles around the middle circle and label them "actions", "appearance", and "personality". Draw at least three lines sticking out from each of the three category circles. At the end of each line, write a detail about the character that fits the category (ex. For the "appearance" category you could write "very long brown hair"). Write a paragraph on the back explaining why you liked this character so much.
- 3. Life Connections:** One of the reasons that realistic fiction is so enjoyable is that realistic novels often remind us of things that have happened in our own lives. Did any of the realistic books that you read remind you of something you have done or felt? Explain the resemblance between the book and your life.
- 4. Illustrate:** Choose what you think is the most important scene in one of the books that you read. Draw a picture of this scene as you "saw" it in your head when you were reading it. Make sure to use color! Include a few sentences at the bottom of the drawing that explain what happened in this scene.
- 5. Creative Writing:** Sometimes books don't end the way that we would like them to. Rewrite the ending to one of the books you read. Make your new ending very different from the real ending of the book.