Novel Preview Worksheet

1. Look at the front cover of the novel. What is title? Who is the author? Does the title, picture or illustration on the cover give you any idea about what the novel will be about?

2. Look at the back cover. What does it tell you about the novel or author?

3. When was the novel published (printed)? (Hint: Look in the first few pages.)

4. Look inside the covers (front and back). Is there any information about the author?

5. How many pages does the novel have? How many chapters? Do the chapters have titles? If there are no chapter titles, why do you think the author did that?

6. Read the first two pages. How easy or difficult was the reading? Do you think the reading will get easier? What did you learn in the first two pages? Are you interested?

7. When do you read? Do you prefer to read in the morning, afternoon or evening? Do read in bed, at a desk, or sitting on the sofa? Does it need to be quiet when you read, or can read in a noisy area? Share with your group.
Novel Worksheet #1

Part one: Page _____ to Page ______

1. What is the setting of the story? When and where does it happen?

2. Who are the characters? Make a list in your journal of the characters you meet (see sample).

3. What point of view is the novel written in? How do you know?

4. Briefly explain the plot so far.

5. What do you think will happen next? (If you read ahead, don’t actually say what happens.)
Novel Worksheet #2

Part two: page _____ to page _____

1. What has happened in the plot?

2. What new things have you learned about the characters? Make sure to add to your journal.

3. What new characters have you met? Make sure to add them to your journal.

4. Do any complications occur? What are they?

5. Do any conflicts occur? What are they?

6. What do you think will happen next? (If you read ahead, don’t say what really happens.)
Novel Worksheet #3

Part three: page_____ to page_____

1. What has happened in the plot?

2. What new things have you learned about the characters? Make sure to add to your journal.

3. What new characters have you met? Make sure to add them to your journal.

4. Do any complications occur? What are they?

5. Do any conflicts occur? What are they?

6. What do you think will happen next? (If you read ahead, don’t say what really happens.)
Novel Worksheet #4

Part four: page____ to page____

1. What has happened in the plot?

2. What new things have you learned about the characters? Make sure to add to your journal.

3. What new characters have you met? Make sure to add them to your journal.

4. Do any complications occur? What are they?

5. Do any conflicts occur? What are they?

6. What do you think will happen next? (If you read ahead, don’t say what really happens.)
Novel Worksheet #5

Part five: page_____ to page_____ 

1. What has happened in the plot?

2. What new things have you learned about the characters? Make sure to add to your journal.

3. What new characters have you met? Make sure to add them to your journal.

4. Do any complications occur? What are they?

5. Do any conflicts occur? What are they?

6. What do you think will happen next? (If you read ahead, don’t say what really happens.)
Novel Worksheet #6

Part six: page_____ to page_____

1. Does this part of the story have the main climax? What is the climax?

2. If this part doesn’t have the main climax, where is it? What is the climax?

3. What is the resolution of the climax?

4. Do any of the characters change or do something unusual in the end? Make sure to update your journal.

5. Are any new characters introduced or contribute to the end of the story? Make sure to add them to your journal.

6. Do you like the ending or do you wish the story had ended differently? How would you have changed it?
7. What do you think is the theme of the novel? Each novel can have several themes, or people see the themes in different ways. You should be able to explain the theme in one sentence.

8. How does the theme relate you and your life? Think deeply about this question. The connection may not be easy to see, but there is a connection.