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**ENGLISH III, QUARTER 3
AN AMERICAN NOVEL**

Novel Title _____ Author _____

Read a novel of your own choice written by an American. Answer the following questions in well-formatted essays of at least five paragraphs. Be clear and complete in what you say, and carry your ideas as far as possible. Use specific examples from the novel.

- 1. The theme of a novel is the point the author wants to make about life in the real world. Explain how the plot, characters, suspense . . . produces the theme and how the theme exists in the world beyond the novel.**
- 2. Most major conflicts in a novel create one or more minor conflicts. Explain and show what the major conflict of the novel is and how that major conflict produces a minor conflict and how the minor conflict is resolved. Don't forget the protagonist and the antagonist in both conflicts.**
- 3. The major theme of a novel, like a conflict, often possesses minor themes. You need to show/tell what the major theme is and explain how the major theme gives birth to one minor theme. Keep in mind that, as any theme, it reflects what exists in the real world.**
- 4. In your mind, who or what do you feel is the most interesting character in the novel? Explain why. Be careful to give enough info about the character to make your point like personality, moral qualities, actions**
- 5. Write a critique of the novel in which you discuss the good points and the bad points of the story to convince the reader to either read the book or not read the book. Use specifics from the novel to help make what you say is clear and to persuade the reader.**