

## BOOK RECORD: AP TEST PREPARATION FORM

Use one-inch margins, Times New Roman, 12 point font to complete the following on one page. Type your name in the upper right corner of the page. Number each section according to the model. These pages are to be kept in your cumulative portfolio at school.

1. Identify the title of the work, author, and his/her nationality.
2. Identify the year of publication (the year first published, **not** the year your edition was printed).
3. Identify the setting, both place and time. Comment on the setting's effect, if any, on the plot or characterization.
4. Give a brief synopsis of the plot. (Create four or five sentences of your own rather than copying them from another source. You will be better prepared to write a critical essay.)
5. List the major characters, giving a brief physical description of each and describing their personalities and motivations.
6. List three or four of the major symbols and interpret each in a phrase.
7. Classify the work according to the type of literature it is and, if possible, the literary "school" to which it belongs (Classical, Romantic, etc.) List and explain at least three distinguishing characteristics of the style of the work. (While you must engage your brain and determine *how* your book meets the criteria in order to subsequently write an effective essay, you may need to consult a reference to correctly identify common literary styles or movements.)
8. Write an important quotation from the book, describing briefly *how* it is significant.