

1	Justin Alcaraz	<p><i>Monster</i> by Walter Dean Myers and <i>The Hobbit</i></p> <p>In the <i>books you read</i> characters have needed courage to face a problem. <u>Write to explain the ways at least two of the characters from at least two of the novels use courage to overcome the problems that confront them.</u> Be sure to cite specific examples from your readings in your response.</p>
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2	Ana Aparicio	<p><i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry, <i>Lost and Found</i> (Bluford), <i>Chicken Soup for the Teen Soul</i>, <i>Harry Potter</i>, <i>The Princess Bride</i>, <i>The Hobbit</i></p> <p>The characters in the books you read often had to overcome evil in a class good against evil type of battle. <u>Explain and compare how at least two characters from two of the books you've read manage to defeat evil.</u> Be sure to cite specific examples from your readings in your response.</p>
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3	Nurivan Chavez	<p><i>Our Planet, Narnia, Davinci Code, The Shady Deal, The First Immigrants, Forensics, Among the Hidden (Haddix), No Country for Old Men, A Boy at War (Mazer), Heroes Don't Run, A Boy No More, Coach Carter, Making it Home</i></p> <p>In the <i>books you read</i> characters have needed courage to face a problem. <u>Write to explain the ways at least two of the characters from at least two of the novels use courage to overcome the problems that confront them.</u> Be sure to cite specific examples from your readings in your response.</p>
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4	Eileen Cuzco	<p><i>A Thousand Splendid Suns, Invisible Man, 451, Au Pair, Don't You Forget About Me, Gossip Girl, Go Ask Alice, The Good Earth, Seventeenth Summer, Princess Bride, The Life of Pi</i></p> <p>You have read a few classics and a few popular Young Adult novels. <u>Compare the two types of novels.</u> How are classic novels similar too but different from Young Adult novels? Be sure to cite specific examples from at least two of the books you read to support your opinions.</p>
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5	Camisha Faison	<p><i>Breaking the Code, Lost and Found, Nervous (Zane), The Princess Bride</i></p> <p>Three of the books you read have romantic themes. What makes romance magical? Or what makes romantic stories good ones? <u>Write to explain the characteristics of a good romance novel, using ideas from at least two of the books you've read.</u> Be sure to cite specific examples from at least two of the books you've read in your response.</p>
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7	Orlando Gonzalez	<p><i>The Christopher Killer, Goosebumps 30 Tales, Bronx Masquerade, Encyclopedia Horrifica, Twilight, Thirsty, The Hobbit, Princess Bride</i></p> <p>You've read several books that are suspenseful or that have fantastical creatures in them. <u>Think about the vampires about which you've write and write to compare them. What makes a strong vampire character that interests readers?</u> Use examples from at least two of the books you have read in your response.</p>
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8	Marinelitz Guerrido	<i>Bunnacula, A Child Called It, Gentlehands, The Hobbit, Off the Road</i> Characters in A Child Called It and Gentlehands must deal with tragedy and hard times. How do they do it and survive? <u>Write to explain the characteristics of surviving hard times.</u> Use examples from at least two of the books you have read in your response.
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9	Erelitz Hennigan	<p><i>Paint Me Like I Am, The Hobbit, Princess Bride</i></p> <p>You have not done much reading this semester that was not required, but you have read both novels for English class. <u>Write to explain the characteristics of “the journey” using examples from both The Hobbit and the Princess Bride.</u></p>
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12	Chelsey Kitchell	<p><i>Pressing Pause, What if All Boys Wanted You, Fast Life, Princess Bride, Avalon High Can You Keep a Secret, What Did I Do, Size 14 Is Not Fat Either</i></p> <p>Several of the books you have read involve girls and their friendships with girlfriends. What does it take to be a good friend when you're a teenage girl struggling to fit in? <u>Write to explain what it means to be a good and true friend.</u> Use examples from at least three of the books you have read to support your opinions.</p>
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13	Jonathan Melendez	<p><i>Bersinger (Eldes series), The Princess Bride</i></p> <p>Both of the books you have read involve characters on a quest. What are the ingredients of a successful quest (journey)? <u>Write to explain what a writer needs to include in a good quest story.</u> Use examples from at least two of the books you have read to support your opinions.</p>
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18	Kanisha Robinson	<p><i>The Coldest Winter</i></p> <p>The book you read deals with some tough subjects: drugs, violence, sexuality. How can teens prepare themselves to make the right choices? <u>Write to explain why teens should avoid drugs (and other dangerous behaviors) and live the straight life.</u> Use examples from your reading to support your opinion.</p>
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19	Quincy Ross	<p><i>Flames of the Tiger, Killing Mr. Griffin, Among the Hidden, What Are You Afraid Of?, The Princess Bride</i></p> <p>Several of the characters in the books you have read have fears—some of the characters overcome their fears. How can we deal with our fears? Write to explain how to deal with fear in life. Use examples from at least two of the books you have read to support your opinion.</p>
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6	Chris Johnson	<p><i>The Gun, Ghost Recon, Princess Bride</i></p> <p>How can teens overcome obstacles. <u>Write to explain how the characters in at least two of the books you have read overcome obstacles.</u> Be sure to use specific examples from your reading in your response.</p>
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7	Natalie Martinez	<p><i>13 Reasons Why, Armageddon Summer</i></p> <p>What drives people to do things other think crazy? Consider the tough situations the characaters in the books you have read have faced. How did they get through it? What in their personalities helped them? <u>Write to explain how teens can overcome tough or rough times.</u> Use examples from at least two of the books you have read.</p>
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8	Sidney Matos	<p><i>Imitate the Tiger, Knights of Hill Country</i></p> <p>What makes a winning team? A winning football player? <u>Write to explain the characteristics of a player that has integrity.</u> Use examples (or nonexamples) from at least two of the books you have read to support your opinion.</p>
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9	Alex O'Connell	<p><i>The Body of Christopher Creed, Among the Hidden, Earagon, The Gun, Pendragon, Ender's Game, The Hobbit, The Princess Bride</i></p> <p>Several of the books you read are suspenseful or adventurous. What makes a good adventure of suspense? <u>Write to explain the qualities of a good adventure or suspense story.</u> Be sure to use examples from at least two of the books you have read in your response.</p>
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14	Natalie Ramos	<p><i>Girls in Love, 13 Reasons Why, Avalon High, Twilight</i></p> <p>You've read several books that feature friendships or relationships. What makes teen relationships go bad? What makes them good? <u>Write to explain the two sides of teen relationships.</u> Use examples from at least two of the books you have read in your response.</p>
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15	Yashira Ramos	<p><i>Street Love, Paint Me As I Am, Skeleton Man, 13 Reasons Why, Chinese Cinderella</i></p> <p>How can teens overcome hard times? The character in 13 Reasons Why must figure out why his friend committed suicide and then he has to deal with it. Write to explain what you learned about dealing with loss. Use examples from at least two of the books you have read to support your opinion.</p>
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19	Roberto Rosado	<p><i>Maximum Ride, Touching Spirit Bear</i></p> <p>In both of the books you read, the main characters must fight against something in order to survive. What else does it take to survive? <u>Write to explain what it takes to survive difficult or even dangerous situations.</u> Use examples from your reading to support your opinion.</p>
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21	Irmay Soto	<p><i>Fake I.D., Club Dread, Charmed, Horror Stories (?), The Anatomy of a Boyfriend, La Vida de Prostitucion, The Princess Bride</i></p> <p>Several of the books you have read deal with characters facing tough times (running away, murder, etc.) or difficult situations. How do they survive them? <u>Write to explain what you learned about dealing with tough times from your reading.</u> Be sure to use examples from at least 2 of the books you have read in your response.</p>
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8	Miguel Gonzalez	<p><i>Twilight, Thunderbowl, Armagedon Summer, Death Wind</i></p> <p>Several of the characters in the books you have read must overcome obstacles. How do they do it? <u>Write to explain how people can overcome the obstacles they face.</u> Use examples from at least two of the books you have read to support your opinion.</p>
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9	Ryan Hossain	<i>Princess Bride</i> What makes a good adventure novel? Think about the Princess Bride. Is it a good adventure novel? Why or why not? <u>Take a position on the issue and use examples from your reading to support your opinion.</u> If you have read other books this semester (as I expect) then use those in your essay as well.
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10	Sophia JeanBaptiste	<p><i>Eclipse, Breaking Dawn, What Happened to Cass McBride, New Moon, Face on the Milk Carton, Shattered</i></p> <p>You have spent a lot of time with the Twilight series. Is it ethical for Edward to turn Bella into a vampire or does she lose her soul in becoming one? <u>Take a position on the issue based on religious, ethical or moral beliefs of either of the characters.</u> Use examples from your reading to support your position.</p>
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20	Adele Pierre	<p><i>The Notebook, Twilight, New Moon, Eclipse, Breaking Dawn, Danielle Steele: Answered Prayers, Zoya, Jewels, Summer's End, Ghost, Secrets, Passion's Promise, Wanderlust, Palomino, No Greater Love, Going Home, Now & Forever, Peeps (Westerfeld), Life is Fire, If You Come Softly (Woodson), What My Mother Doesn't Know (Somes), Kicked Out, Loving (Steele), Lust, The Mermaid</i></p> <p>You have read a lot of romance novels this semester. What makes up a good romance novel? <u>Write to explain the qualities of a good romance novel.</u> Be sure to use specific examples from at least 3 of the books you have read as support for your opinion.</p>
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21	Kelsey Riker	<p><i>No More Pranks, Face on the Milk Carton, Monster, Hope Was Here, Hit Squad, Born Blue (Nolan), Princess Bride, Hobbit</i></p> <p>In several of the books you have read, the characters must have hope in order to survive difficult situations. How important is hope? <u>Write to explain the importance of hope.</u> Use specific examples from at least 3 of the books you have read in your response.</p>
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25	Austin Suarez	<p><i>Crank, Glass, 13 Reasons Why, Among the Hidden, Impulse, Princess Bride, Hobbitt</i></p> <p>Teenagers face difficult situations and have to learn to grow and overcome them. Write to explain the problems you feel are most difficult for young people as portray in <i>Crank, Glass, and 13 Reasons Why</i>. In your conclusion you might want to address how reading about these problems helps teenagers to overcome them in real life. Choose examples from the book(s) you've read and your own experience to support your response.</p>
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27	Valerie Payano	<p><i>Monster, 13 Reasons Why, Street Love, Until We Meet Again, Narnia</i></p> <p>What social issues are the most troubling to teens? Poverty? Suicide? Violence? <u>Write to explain the social issues that teens face and must overcome if they are to survive.</u> Use examples from at least 2 of the books you have read in your response.</p>
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4	Javier Berrios	<p><i>Chronicles of Narnia, Raven & Other Poems, Memory Boy, Knights</i></p> <p>Many of the characters in the books you have read have special gifts. <u>Write to explain special gifts people have and how to use them for good.</u> Use examples from at least 2 of the books you have read in your response.</p>
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5	Diego Rendon	<p><i>Encyclopedia Horrifica (no other titles read?)</i></p> <p>What's really scary? <u>Write to explain what's really scary—is it made up things like monsters and ghosts or real life things like drugs and violence?</u> Be sure to cite examples from at least 3 of the horrific things about which you have read this semester.</p>
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6	Kim Cruz	<p><i>Twilight, New Moon, Eclipse, Wicked Lovely, So B It, Rhymes With Witches, Breaking Dawn, The Interruption of Everything</i></p> <p>All of the books you have read feature characters in relationships (romantic or friendly) with others. Think about types of relationships teens have and what it takes to have a successful relationships with another person. <u>Write to explain the types and characteristics of good relationships.</u> Use examples from at least two of the books you have read to support your opinions.</p>
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12	Nyasia Gaona	<p><i>A Matter of Trust, Angus, Thongs and Full Frontal Snogging, Teen Ink #2</i></p> <p>What do teens care about? <u>Write to explain the issues that are most important to teens.</u> Be sure to use examples from at least 2 of the books you have read to support your opinion.</p>
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19	Nautica Matos	<p><i>The Dare, Who Owns Kelly Paddick, The Hobbit, Among the Hidden, Flowers for Algernon</i></p> <p>How can teens overcome hard times? The characters in several books you've read must figure out why their friends have changed and deal with it. <u>Write to explain what you learned about dealing with change.</u> Use examples from at least two of the books you have read to support your opinion.</p>
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4	Anky Caillahua	<p><i>Among the Hidden, Breathe, Paper Towns, The Body of Christopher Creed</i></p> <p>Several of the books you have read involve teens on a quest to discover something. What do they discover about themselves or others? What can readers learn about themselves by reading these kinds of books? <u>Write to explain and compare the discoveries at least 2 of the main characters from the books you have read.</u> Use specific examples from your reading to support your opinion.</p>
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7	Elba De La Torre	<p><i>Twilight, New Moon, Eclipse, Breaking Dawn, The Notebook, Things Left Unsaid, If You Come Softly, Datebale, Pandora, Crank</i></p> <p>You have spent a lot of time with the Twilight series. Is it ethical for Edward to turn Bella into a vampire or does she lose her soul in becoming one? Take a position on the issue based on religious, ethical or moral beliefs of either of the characters. Use examples from your reading to support your position.</p>
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25	Karen Vera	<p><i>A Walk to Remember, Among the Hidden, Prom, Short and Shivery, Twilight, New Moon</i></p> <p>All of the books you have read feature characters struggling in relationships with others. Think about what it takes to have a successful relationship with another person. <u>Write to explain the characteristics of good relationships.</u> Use examples from at least two of the books you have read to support your opinions.</p>
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