

Independent Novel Study

Rich Summative Task

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ISU Task 1: Determine Context

Research and Record. Keep detailed research notes as a works cited page will be submitted as part of the first assessment task.

1. Who wrote the novel? Research the author's biography to determine his/her age, life experiences, cultural background, gender, etc.
2. What is the topic of the text and when was it written?
3. What authority does the author have over this topic?
4. Who does the message benefit?
5. What historic, social, cultural, and political events were happening around the time of the writing and publication of this text?
6. What historic, social, cultural, and political implications could have influenced the production of this text?

When Researching Consider the Credibility of your sources and ask yourself:

- Are there advertisements?
- Is the author clearly identified?
- What is the author's credentials? Does this author have authority over this topic?
- Is the purpose of the website clearly identified?
- Cross check the information for accuracy (compare with another site to see if the information is accurate if it is not referenced).
- Is there a bibliography or works cited page to list resources and people consulted?
- Is the date of last updates shown? If yes, consider how relevant the information is - is it an authentic reflection of modern society or history?
- Whose voices are represented and whose voices are missing?

When researching, record information carefully:

Record:

- the title
- the author
- the book or website where it was found
- the publishing company and where it was published
- The date of publication
- The date of access
- ★ Summarize information that you find AND if you copy and past or directly copy, put the information in quotation marks. ALWAYS RECORD THE PAGE NUMBER!!!