**“The Book/Movie Review”**

(Chapter 30)

Your book or movie review should have the following structure:

1. Introduction
2. Background information about the author (for books) or a key actor/the director (movie):
   1. Age
   2. Family background
   3. Education
   4. When first published
   5. Anecdotes/quotations relevant
   6. Hometown
   7. Awards
   8. Other books
   9. Reputation
3. Assessment of book/movie in terms of content (plot/characters)
4. References to events and characters without giving the story away (use quotes and/or examples)
5. What makes the book special to you?
6. Conclusion

Other Info:

* Each topic should be on a separate note card OR in outline format.
* Essays/outlines should include information about each of the topics listed above
* Be sure to include an excellent intro and conclusion
* Bring the book/movie to show – or get images to put into a PowerPoint
* Speeches will be 3-5 minutes long

**Book Reports and Book Reviews**. Many people use both terms in the same breath, but there are some important differences. A book *report* is completely factual. It includes information on the author, title, place, and year of publication as well as a summary of the content of the book. A book *review*, on the other hand, is much more personal. It is a description, critical analysis, and an evaluation on the quality, meaning, and significance of a book, not a retelling. It should focus on the book’s purpose, content, and authority. It is a reaction paper in which strengths and weaknesses of the material are analyzed. It should include a statement of what the author has tried to do, evaluate how well (in the opinion of the reviewer) the author has succeeded, and the present evidence to support this evaluation.

**Movie Reviews**. Movie reviews must be as thorough as a Book Review, but they will cite different information. You may use valid online resources to quote other people’s reviews of movies, but make sure you include your own opinion, too. Including the movie trailer or a clip of the movie is okay so long as it is school appropriate.