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Basic Format

- *Typed*
- *Single-spaced*
- *One page only*
- *Use NO sentences*
- *Page should be FULL of information*

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Include:

- *Title and date of original publication.*
- *Author and dates of birth and death.*
- *Significance of the title.*
- *Characterization:* Name (if any) of the main character, along with a description of that character's dominant traits or features. Similar information for other characters.
- *Setting/Atmosphere—a short description.*
- *Point of View* from which the story is told.
- *Terse summary* of story's main events in chronological order.
- *Description of the general tone, or author's feelings toward the central character or the main event.*
- *Comments on the style* in which the story is written. Brief illustrative quotations are helpful if space allows.
- *Theme, underlying meaning* in one sentence.
- *Key symbols* (if the story has any), with an educated guess at what each symbol suggests.
- *Significant Quotes*
- *An evaluation* of the story as a whole, concisely setting forth your opinion of it.

