**AP English/AP US History**

**Historical Novel Project: Book Review Review Assignment**

A book review is both a description and an evaluation of a book and should focus on the purpose, contents, and authority. Include and label each of the following sections in your review:

**Authorial/Historical Background and Point-of-View [50 pts]**

What is important about the author and/or historical context in relation to the writing or publication of the book? (consider the Harper Lee example). What might be the author’s point-of-view that affects his of her thesis or main ideas?

**Rhetorical Style Analysis [50 pts]**

Title: What does it suggest? Is it appropriate? Does it add meaning?

Tone of the Book: Refer to tone words. Provide examples from the text to prove your point.

Thesis and Purpose: What would you say is the author’s thesis or main points? Why did he or she write it? Was the thesis proven? Was his or her purpose achieved? Why or why not?

Rhetorical Devices: Narrative structure? Dialogue? Flashbacks? Use of primary documents? Figurative language? Expert testimony? Reliable narrator? First person account?

\*Remember not to merely point these out but to comment on why the author used them/didn’t use them and connect this to effectiveness or effect on the reader.

**Published Reviews [50 pts]**

Provide your own critique of at least 2 reviews with MLA citations. The reviews need to be divergent in some way.

* + - Find a negative and positive review of your book **OR**
    - Find a well-written and poorly written review **OR**
    - Find a review that focuses on one area/point and

another that focuses on another **OR**

* + - Find a logical and an illogical review of your book. Label

these reviews with a brief explanation regarding how they

differ.

**Importance of the Book [50 pts]**

* Were there any benefits of reading the book? Did you learn any lessons? How does the book help you better understand APUSH historical content?
* Can you make connections with what’s in the book and what we’ve been studying?