

The Eighth Arrow Book Review Assignment

Minimum 2 pages (front=1 page + back=1 page), maximum 4 pages.
Please don't be an overachiever and do more; brevity/being concise is an equally important skill.

1. Title
2. Author
3. Nationality of Author
4. Genre Type
For example: Gothic novel, Renaissance comedy, Modern Play
(adjective and type of book)
5. Date of first publication
Not when your specific copy was printed but when the book first came out
6. Character Map or List:
List them, and include short quotes or adjectives describing them directly from the narration or from your own evaluation of them. Who is each character? How is he/she important to the narrative?
7. Favorite Quote Commentary
Minimum of three quotes with explanations of why you chose this quote and what makes it so important or memorable. Do not skim on the explanation. Make sure to include page numbers so you can refer back to them later.
8. Symbols/Allusions
Identify three symbols and a short description of how each extends beyond their literal meaning OR identify at least three allusions to other works of literature and how each reference adds depth to the narrative.
9. Characterization Comparison
Using two Venn diagrams (neatly presented) or paragraphs, compare and contrast the characters of Odysseus and Penelope from *The Odyssey* and *The Eighth Arrow* (i.e., compare Penelope from *The Odyssey* with Penelope from *The Eighth Arrow*, then compare Odysseus from *The Odyssey* with Odysseus from *The Eighth Arrow*).
10. Basic plot outline
You can write in paragraph, bulleted list, or "flow chart" format.
11. How has reading *The Eighth Arrow* informed or influenced your understanding of *The Odyssey*? Also, do you agree or disagree with the author's interpretations of Homer's Characters? In what ways?

