

NCTE Book Rationale Template

Information about the Book

Title, Author, Publisher, and Year

Target Grade Level and Audience; Reading Level; Lexile Measure

Plot or Book Summary; Author Information; Genre(s); Format; and Themes, Awards, Reviews

[Up to 250 words, with embedded links as needed]

Plot/Book Summary:

Genre:

Format:

Theme(s):

Award(s):

Reviews:

Details for Classroom Use

Potential for Challenge

[About 200 words]

Ways the Book Is Valuable to the Curriculum, Classroom, School Library, and/or Students

[At least 250 words]

Standards Connections

[Provide three or more examples from your state's standards or the Common Core State Standards.]

Standard 1 [Language and numeric identifiers copied and pasted]

How do you see this standard being generally applicable?

Standard 2

How do you see this standard being generally applicable?

Standard 3

How do you see this standard being generally applicable?

Suggested Teaching Approaches

[Provide three or more.]

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Alternative and Paired Texts

[Provide three or more.]

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Additional Resources

[Provide three or more.]

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