AP Literary Works Reduction Specifications

Reduction: A reduction is a one page, one sided, typed synthesis of a literary work. You must include the following elements for all reductions regardless of genre. Because some works vary in structure, as with drama, you will need to adapt the reduction accordingly.

Purpose: This form of collection will provide you with the major literary elements of the work. We will be using these to review for the exam.

Required Elements:

* Title of work
* Author
* Date of publication and literary time period
* Genre
* Writing style
* Point of view
* Setting/atmosphere
* Plot development (chapters, acts, parts)
* Major/significant minor characters
* Symbols
* Motifs
* Holistic Interpretation (one sentence)
* Significance of title
* 3-4 significant quotations including speaker, context, and explanation

Tips: Use a font and size that you and I can read (no smaller than 6). Remember that this only serves a purpose to you if you are able to comprehend what it is you have written. Be direct, clear, and succinct; no sentences are to be used. Use phrases. Most importantly, this assignment is to be of your own creation, not borrowed from a source.