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MAJOR WORK SHEET (Revised June, 2017)

Title: _____ Date of Publication: _____

Author: _____ Genre: _____

Biographical information about the author: *Place & date of birth, other works, critical reception, writing style, etc. You may need to research this information.*

Historical information about the period of publication: *Only include historical information that could possibly have influenced the writing of this text. You may need to research this information.*

Characteristics of the literary genre: *If it's a tragedy, what is a tragedy? If it's a gothic novel, what does that mean? Do not just say that this is a "novel" or "play".*

Plot Summary: *Major events in the work, presented in chronological order (feel free to use bullet points)*

Important Quotes

Choose 9 quotes. These quotes should emphasize character, theme, mood, or tone of the text. When you explain the significance, make sure to also explain how these quotes accomplish this. These are not just “interesting” quotes. These are quotes that get at the heart of how this work’s significance is conveyed.

Quote (include page #)	Significance / Analysis
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Characters

Choose 5 key characters in this work and explain their significance in the story. How would you describe their personality? What role do they play in the plot? How do they support the theme?

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Setting: *When and where does this work take place? Is there any significance to this setting in regards to plot or theme?*

Symbols: *What important symbols are present in this work? What do they symbolize? How do we know?*

Themes: *What major themes are at the center of this work? What messages are conveyed? How are they conveyed?*

Reaction to the Work: *Did you like it? Dislike it? Why? What struck you as most important? Least important? Share your thoughts.*