IR Worksheet (Novel)

Name ______________________

A. Title __________________________  Author ______________________
   part of a series? ____  what part? ______________________
   # of chapters _____  # of pages _____

B. Setting: Place ______________________ & Time period: (the gadgets and technology
should help you date the story)______________________________

C. Genre:  What kind of power do the characters possess? (circle one)
   • godlike powers to create and destroy?  myth
   • magical powers like wizards?  fantasy
   • technological powers of a future age?  science fiction
   • no extraordinary powers?  realistic fiction
   • limited powers of a previous age?  historical fiction

D. Point of View. Who is telling the story? (Circle one)
   1. First person (name the character in the story) __________________________
   2. Third person limited (an outside narrator who concentrates on one character)
   3. Third person omniscient (an outside narrator who knows everything)

E. Main Characters and brief description (character traits)
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F. Problems. Describe three major problems that the main characters face
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G. Sequence of Events: List the five most important* events in chronological order:

1. ________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________

3. ________________________________________________________________

4. ________________________________________________________________

5. ________________________________________________________________

* You'll know an event is important if it affects the outcome of the main conflict!

H. Review Determining the Theme in your ELA Text Pack. Tell what the theme of the novel is and how the author develops the theme.

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