Research Evaluation Sheet

Student name: ____________________________
Book Title and Author: ____________________________
Publisher and publication date: ____________________________

As you do research on the title you have chosen, take notes on the following areas. Use a separate sheet of paper for more extensive notes and to record your sources.

Notes from secondary sources

- Book review comments:
- Awards won:
- Comments from author website about the author’s reasons for writing this book:
- Sample questions or themes listed in professional discussion guide:
- Other information about the book’s merits taken from critical essays or author interviews:

Evaluation of book’s suitability for classroom study

- Themes or big questions the book explores:
- Controversial elements and evaluation of them: In what way is controversial material included and in what ways, if any, does it detract from the book’s suitability for classroom study?
- What aspects of this book would appeal to, engage, challenge, and enrich the thinking of teen readers?
- How does this book enhance or extend the existing curriculum?