**2.7 Novel Tracking Sheet**

The goal of the tracking sheet is to help you identify important elements in the novel that will be useful as you complete the assignments and tests for this course.

One of the elements you are being asked to track is the process of **transformation** in one of the key characters. Remember what you learned earlier in this unit: being able to trace a character’s transformation is very useful in *almost* any type of essay you are asked to write and works with almost any topic you are given.

You are also asked to note the **context** of each piece of textual evidence you list on your tracking sheet. You learned in this unit that context (the Who? What? Where? When? and Why? of a text) helps shape how the reader *interprets* the text. Your job is to explain the context of each piece of textual evidence. For example, if you give a quotation as textual evidence, the context would be any of the following:  **Who** said the quote? **What** was happening at the time it was uttered? **When** and **where** was said, and **why**?

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| **Title:** | **Author:** | **Year of Publication:** |
| **Name of Character You Are Tracking:** | **Setting:**  |

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| **Topic to Track** | **Textual Evidence:**events, quotations, or narrative descriptions | **Page #s** | **Significance:**Explain how the textual evidence demonstrates the topic. |
| **Use two or three adjectives to describe the main character PRIOR to transformation.** (Write your response below.)Prior to his/her transformation, \_\_\_\_\_\_is \_\_\_\_\_\_, ­­­ \_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |
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| **What situation(s) CAUSE(S) the main character’s transformation to begin?** (Write your response below.) |  |  |  |
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| **Track the main character’s transformation process. What CHANGES do you see in this character?** |  |  |  |
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| **Use two or three adjectives to describe the main character AFTER he or she has transformed.** (Write your response below.)**After his/her transformation,** \_\_\_\_\_\_ **is**\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_, **and** \_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |
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| **Topic to Track** | **Textual Evidence that Illustrate the Theme** | **Page #s** | **Significance** |
| **Primary Theme**(Write a theme statement below for the novel.) |  |  |  |
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| **Topic to Track** | **Textual Evidence that Illustrates Why the Title is Appropriate** | **Page #s** | **Significance** |
| **Why did the author choose this title?** (Explain below, in a sentence or two, why the title fits the novel.) |  |  |  |
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