

Novel: _____

Genre: _____

Criteria	5 - Excellent	4 - Acceptable	2 - Marginal	1 - Poor <i>(or necessitates instructional intervention)</i>
Positive Role Models	The novel consistently portrays strong, positive role models.	The novel mostly portrays positive role models with some minor exceptions. There is a lesson learned by the character or reader from the conflict in the story.	The novel portrays some positive role models and a lesson may or may not be learned by the character or reader.	The novel lacks positive role models.
Positive Messages	The novel consistently portrays positive messages.	The novel portrays both positive and negative messages in a purposeful manner.	The novel portrays both positive and negative messages but the purpose is not always clear.	The novel lacks positive messages.
Sexually Explicit Content <i>explicit: clear, specific, and leaves nothing to the imagination</i>	The novel is completely free from sexually explicit content.	The novel has minimal sexually explicit content that is irrelevant to the plot.	The novel has sexually explicit content that is relevant to the plot.	The novel includes explicit sexual content that is unnecessary and inappropriate for the target audience.
Violence and Scariness	The novel is completely free from violence and scariness.	The novel depicts minimal violence and scariness that is historical, factual, or critical to the theme.	The novel depicts violence and scariness that is used as "shock value".	The novel includes excessive and unnecessary violence and scariness.
Language	The novel is free from vulgar and explicit language.	The novel includes minimal instances of vulgar or explicit language.	The novel includes some vulgar or explicit language that is used as "shock value".	The novel includes excessive and unnecessary vulgar or explicit language.
Drinking, Drugs, and Smoking/Vaping <i>as illegal activities</i>	The novel does not depict or promote drinking, drugs, or smoking/vaping.	The novel mentions drinking, drugs, or smoking/vaping but with clear consequences.	The novel mentions drinking, drugs, and smoking/vaping without clear consequences.	The novel portrays drinking, drugs, and smoking/vaping in a positive or glorifying manner.