

# Challenged Book Essay - Scoring Rubric

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Book \_\_\_\_\_ Author \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of your essay which either supports or refutes banning a Challenged Book is to:

- Demonstrate “information competency” by evaluating the logic, relevance and validity of information. You will research:
  - a. book banning issues in general,
  - b. why your book has been challenged,
  - c. what biases were evident in your research, and
  - d. whether your reading and research persuaded you to support or reject the proposal to ban the book.
- Develop and support an argument: Communicate your opinion in a two page persuasive essay that answers the questions: What action should the School Board take regarding the proposal to ban this book from its schools? and Why?
- Properly cite all reference materials.

Your Challenged Book Essay is worth 50 total points. Projects that earn the highest value for each criterion will reflect thorough research with proper citations, a cohesive argument with support, and college-level writing skills.

Criterion	Available Points	Your Points	Comments
Name & Author of Challenged Book	2		
2 page, double-spaced, word processed essay with 12 point font - Arial preferred	2		
Proper citation for quotes & references	2		
Freedom from errors	4		
Your conclusion or claim (thesis)	10		
Statement of your main points for or against banning the book	10		
Evidence that you read the novel and conducted appropriate research	10		
Reasoned dismissal or acceptance of opposing arguments or alternate views	10		
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>		