

# 10th Grade Summer Book Report Assignment: *The Institute* by Stephen King

Due: Sept. 15th 2025

## Objective:

You will write a detailed book report that demonstrates your understanding of the novel's plot, characters, themes, and deeper meanings. You are expected to support your points with specific evidence from the text.

## Assignment Instructions:

### Format:

- ☐ Typed, double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font
- ☐ 3-5 pages in length
- ☐ MLA format for any quotes (author's last name and page number)

### Your report must include the following sections:

#### 1. Introduction (1 paragraph)

- ☐ Introduce *The Institute* (title and author)
- ☐ Briefly summarize what the novel is about
- ☐ End with a **thesis statement**: What is your overall opinion of the book? (e.g., its effectiveness, emotional impact, what King is trying to say about society)

#### 2. Plot Summary (1-2 paragraphs)

- ☐ Summarize the major events of the story.
- ☐ Focus on **key turning points**: How does the story start, what major conflicts arise, and how does it end?

- ☐ Avoid retelling every single event — summarize meaningfully.

### 3. Character Analysis (2-3 paragraphs)

- ☐ Choose **two major characters** (example: Luke Ellis and Mrs. Sigsby).
- ☐ For each character:
  - ☐ Describe their personalities.
  - ☐ Explain their motivations and how they change (or don't) over time.
  - ☐ Give specific examples from the book.

### 4. Themes and Symbols (2-3 paragraphs)

- ☐ Identify **at least two central themes** of the novel (examples: abuse of power, resilience, loss of innocence).
- ☐ Explain how Stephen King develops these themes through the characters, setting, and plot.
- ☐ Identify and briefly explain **at least one important symbol** in the novel (example: the Institute building itself).

### 5. Personal Reflection (1-2 paragraphs)

- ☐ What emotions did this novel make you feel?
- ☐ What lessons, if any, did you take away from the story?
- ☐ Did you find it suspenseful, scary, sad, hopeful? Explain with examples.
- ☐ Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not?

## Requirements for Full Credit:

- Address **all five sections** listed above.

- Include at least **three direct quotes** from the novel with proper MLA citations.
- Stay on topic and organize your writing clearly.
- Edit carefully for grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
- Show **original thinking** — don't just summarize; *analyze and reflect*.

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**Rubric (100 points total):**

Category	Points
Introduction & Thesis	10
Plot Summary	15
Character Analysis	20
Themes and Symbols	20
Personal Reflection	15
Use of Textual Evidence	10
Organization, Grammar, Mechanics	10