

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
Reading Guide

Complete this form for *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. It is due on the first day of school.

Author: _____

Main characters (and one-sentence description of each)

Minor characters (and one-sentence description of each)

Brief summary of key plot elements:

Briefly discuss the point of view in which the novel is written. Who is telling this story?
What effect is created by having this character tell the story?

State the dominant THEME of the novel (the central or unifying idea implied or stated by the work):

Four quotations that illustrate the theme of the novel:

NOTE:

Pay attention to the use of POWER in the novel. Observe who holds power over whom and how that power shifts among the characters.

Pay attention to the larger subjects such as madness, the combine, the structure of the asylum itself. Observe how these subjects stand for larger social problems.