

Information Equation

ELA Teacher: _____ Per: _____

Title of book: _____ Author: _____

Genre of book: _____ Name of reader: _____

As you make sense of what you're reading, you may use the strategy of the *information equation* to help you notice and clarify relationships between characters and ideas in a fictional book or concepts and content in a non-fiction book. Using a mathematical format, generate 3-5 equations to show your understanding of those relationships. Write to explain five (5) equations in no more than 3-5 sentences. You may recreate this format and type your response or handwrite your responses in this format; there is not sufficient space on this form to thoughtfully complete this activity.

Two examples are given:

Title of book: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot Genre: NF

Information equation: HeLa cells + exploitation = greater good

This is important because the heart of this book is about how the exploitation of Henrietta's rights in life and in death was ignored for the idea of "greater good." Scientists would go on to learn innumerable things about cancer and go on to create treatments and cures for many types of cancer. But did that forgive the treatment of Henrietta and her descendants? No.

Title of book: *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins Genre: Sci-fic

Information equation: Katniss + President Snow = power struggle

One of the main concepts in this book is that idea that "Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely". President Snow thrives on power, and he feels that the only way to keep his power is to perpetuate the ideas of the games. His actions to keep his power have corrupted him into using any means necessary to retain his power over the districts. He sees Katniss as a direct threat to his power.

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