

Study Guide

Summer Reading: *Madame Bovary*: Gustave Flaubert

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Print a copy of this study guide and WRITE your answers on it. You WILL NOT receive credit for work that is typed. All responses will be checked against online resources for plagiarism. You will not receive credit for work copied from Spark Notes or any other online guides. Remember that all study guides are due on the first ½ day of school---no exceptions.

Genre: (category of literature): _____

Point of View: _____

Themes: (Using at least one complete sentence, explain how each theme listed below is portrayed in the novel.)

- A. The Search for Self

- B. Passion

- C. Social Class

- D. Escape

- E. Women's Lack of Power and Influence

Characters: (In two or more complete sentences, identify the characters below and explain why they are important.)

- A. Monsieur Binet

- B. Monsieur Rodolphe Boulanger

- C. Abbe Bournisien

- D. Berthe Bovary

- E. Charles Bovary
- F. Monsieur Charles-Denis-Bartholome Bovary
- G. Emma Bovary
- H. Madame Heloise Bovary
- I. Madame Bovary
- J. Monsieur Leon Depuis
- K. Felicite
- L. Justin
- M. Monsieur Lheureux

Symbols: (In one or more complete sentences, explain of what the items below are symbolic.)

- A. Blind Beggar
- B. Dried Flowers
- C. The Lathe
- D. Windows and Carriages
- E. The Garden
- F. The Plaster Cure

Identification: Identify the following elements in the novel:

Antagonist

Protagonist

Rising Action

Conflict

Climax

Falling Action

Resolution

Discussion: (Answer the questions below in a well-developed paragraph of at least eight sentences. Make sure you have a topic sentence, supporting examples, and a concluding sentence.)

1. What do you think would have made Madame Bovary happy with her life?
2. A “tragic” novel is one in which the main character is brought to ruin or suffers extreme sorrow, especially as a consequence of a “tragic flaw,” a moral weakness, or an inability to cope with difficult circumstances. Could the novel Madame Bovary be considered a tragic novel? Why or why not?