Read the novel *Ethan Frome*, and complete a typed report using the format explained below:

**Major Work Report Format**

**Note on Citations:** To correctly cite your quotations, simply place the appropriate page number(s) in parenthesis after each quotation. For example:

“But the Fromes are tough. Ethan’ll likely touch a hundred” (2).

**I. Setting:**
A. Quote a passage of at least 50 words that describes the setting.
B. What is the location of the story? When does it take place?
C. How is the setting of the story significant?

**II. Point of View:**
A. Quote a passage of at least 50 words that illustrates the work’s point of view.
B. Explain how the point of view relates to the telling of the story. What is the narrator’s perspective, and how does the narrator’s perspective (whether first, third person limited, or third person omniscient, or other) relate to the telling of the story?

**III. Characters:** Write a profile of three major characters in the work. For each character, include the following: What is the character’s role in the story? What is the character’s significance in the story? What adjectives describe the character?

**IV. Conflict:**
A. Quote a passage of at least 50 words that contains a significant conflict.
B. Explain the significance of the conflict in this scene. What kind of conflict is it – internal or external?
C. What is the significance of the conflict toward moving the story forward and complicating the plot?

**V. Theme:** Theme is a universal idea, common to all humans. What is the author saying about this idea? What truth about human experience is being identified? For example, if one of the themes of the work is “love,” what is the author saying about love? These are the most valuable ideas from the work; they should relate to human experience and other works of literature.
A. Quote a passage of at least 50 words that relates to a major theme in the work.
B. What is a major theme in the work? State it as a complete sentence that contains a universal idea and a statement of opinion about that idea/truth.
C. Identify another work of literature or art that echoes this theme. Explain the similarity.
VI. Writing Style
A. Quote a passage of at least 50 words that illustrates the distinctive writing style of the writer.
B. Explain what characteristics of the writer’s style -- such as: tone, diction, use of language (detail), and syntax (length and use of sentences) – make the writer’s style distinctive.

VII. Opening and Closing
A. Quote a significant sentence from the opening scene. What is the significance of the work’s opening scene?
B. Quote a significant sentence from the closing scene. What is the significance of the work’s closing scene?

VIII. Statement of Academic Integrity:
I encourage you to discuss this book with friends and family over the summer; however, make sure that your report is made up solely of your words, along with appropriately cited quotations from the novel.

Type the following statement at the **beginning** of your report and **sign your name** after it to verify that it is solely your work.

*I certify that the words in this report are solely my own. Any words that are not solely my own have been correctly cited. Signed ______________________*

IX. VOCABULARY (Annotate in your book): *Ethan Frome* is a bountiful repository of SAT/College-Level vocabulary. As you read the book, **underline** these words (words like opaque, loutish, countenance, and felicitous), and annotate your copy of the book by **writing definitions of at least 50 separate words in the margins of your book.** Also feel free to add other annotations that help you read more closely, such as questions, notes on language, or notes on key plot or theme elements.

**DUE DATE:** Bring your typed report and hand it in on the first day of class. Be prepared for a quiz on the book that will cover the plot, key characters, and vocabulary.

**Bring the following items on the first day of class:**
- Your annotated copy of *Ethan Frome (With vocabulary and definitions)*
- Your complete typed report on *Ethan Frome with all part complete (I-VIII).*
- A three-ring binder with college ruled notebook paper inside (NO SPIRAL).
- A blue or black pen.

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