HOW TO GAUGE A GOOD NOVEL

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A novel is an invented prose narrative that is usually long and complex and deals especially with human experience through a usual connected sequence of events, typically representing character and action with some degree of realism. It has a theme, plot, characterization and setting. It plays an important role in enhancing the language skills because the novel has concrete examples of writing skills like sequencing ideas. A good novel should be able to give you a clear perspective of a person telling the story or of the character telling it. The novel should be informing, entertaining and teaching a lesson to the readers.

Hence, a good novel can be gauged well along the following:

1. Factual values – do you learn anything from the story? This make up the factional or informational values of the story

2. Psychological values – refers to sensory, emotional or emphatic human values and personality patterns.

3. Symbolical values – refers to symbolical values. It might be national, racial or associated with religions.

4. Ethical values – help you to think correctly; awaken ideas of right conduct and nobility in thought and action.

Reading novels is very useful in teaching process. It can also improve the pronunciation particularly when it is read loudly in the classroom. The novel also helps learners to
organize their ideas and participate actively in class. It also develops the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

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