

Summer Reading Choice Mini-Project

Directions: During the Summer of 2022 you are required to read **two** books of your choosing. These books must be grade appropriate. Don't be afraid to challenge yourself! :) For one book, you will be completing a writing template that is provided to you in the Google Doc. For the second book you will create a mini-project that will be presented at the beginning of the school year.

Book Two- Choice Mini-Project

- AFTER you have finished reading your second book, choose **one** of the following mini-projects that you will present at the beginning of the year.
- Follow the directions and the rubric below whichever project you choose.
- Give your BEST effort! Have fun!

Choice One- Presentation:

Directions: Create a presentation using Google Slides, PowerPoint, or Prezi and present your slideshow to the class.

Requirements:

- **5 Points** Introduction slide: Slide 1 - include your name, novel title, author of novel
- **65 Points** Quality of Content. Your presentation should contain at least 6 slides in total (including introduction slide). See below for specifics.
- **5 Points** Proper grammar, spelling, usage, and mechanics
- **10 Points** Include at least two images throughout the slideshow
- **15 Points** Oral presentation: Make sure to speak clearly, make eye contact with the audience, and avoid reading directly from your slides

Total Points: 100

Content

For Fiction Novels:

- Slide 2: major plot details

- Slide 3: conflicts in the story
- Slide 4: a main character list complete with physical & personality descriptions
- Slide 5: specific details about the setting
- Slide 6: your favorite quote or part of the book with an explanation of why it's your favorite.

For Nonfiction Novels:

- Slide 2: Include the main idea and plot of the book
- Slide 3: a main character list and each person's significance to the story
- Slide 4: a description of the setting
- Slide 5: ten facts you learned from the book
- Slide 6: a book review complete with 1-5 star rating and why.

Choice Two- Movie Poster

Directions: Create an original movie poster that advertises a hypothetical film based on your novel. Do not replicate a pre-existing movie poster if there is already a film for your novel—that means choose different actors and actresses too.

Requirements:

- **5 Points** Movie title (should be in large print and stand out)
- **5 Points** Include one quote from the novel (don't forget quotation marks)
- **20 Points** List the cast. Choose famous actors and actresses and identify who you think they should play. Include at least 5 characters.
- **35 Points** Brief summary of "film" (the novel). Must be a minimum of 5 sentences. Do not spoil the ending. Remember, you are trying to get people to see the film so you want your summary to be intriguing.
- **5 Points** Proper grammar, spelling, usage, and mechanics
- **20 Points** Creativity and visual representation
- **5 Points** Must be on poster board
- **5 Points** Must present to class

Total Points: 100

Choice Three- Newspaper Article

Directions: Create the front page of a newspaper that features a main event from your novel. For example: if you were using the story Cinderella, you might say “Mysterious Glass Slipper Left Abandoned on Staircase at the Ball!” and the title of the Newspaper could be “Disney Times”.

Requirements:

- **5 Points** Newspaper title
- **5 Points** Intriguing article title
- **10 Points** Setting (When and Where)
- **10 Points** Characters involved (Who)
- **30 Points** Clear explanation of a specific event with details (What, How, and Why) in paragraph form
- **10 Points** Must be at least 10 sentences
- **5 Points** Proper grammar, spelling, usage, and mechanics
- **10 Points** Minimum of one picture/illustration that corresponds with the article
- **5 Points** Must be on poster board
- **5 Points** Include author of article (your name)
- **5 Points** Newspaper format (third-person objective point-of-view)

Total Points: 100

Choice Four- Illustrated Timeline

Directions: Create an illustrated timeline showing important events from the book.

Requirements:

- **5 Points** Must be on poster board
- **5 Points** Title your timeline
- **50 Points** Choose at least 10 important events from the story (5 points each). The events must be listed in the order in which they occurred.

- **20 Points** Write a brief description of each event, 1-2 sentences each. (2 points each)
- **15 Points** Must draw/color or print out an illustration for at least 5 of the events
- **5 Points** Proper grammar, spelling, usage mechanics

Total Points: 100

Choice Five- Cereal Box

Directions: Invent a cereal that is related to the plot of your book and decorate the outside of an actual cereal box (you do not need to fill it with actual pieces though).

Requirements:

- **10 Points** Come up with an original cereal name. Do not use the exact title of the book.
- **50 Points** Creativity and visual presentation. Choose a shape for the cereal pieces as well as colors and ingredients that all relate to the book. You are not actually creating the cereal pieces, but just illustrating an image of the cereal on the box. Some students have included kids' prizes and puzzle games to make it look authentic.
- **20 Points** On the back of the box, write a one paragraph summary that describes the main problem and the solution of the book. (Must be at least 6 complete sentences)
- **5 Points** Proper grammar, spelling, usage and mechanics
- **5 Points** Minimum of one picture/illustration on the box
- **5 Points** Must be on a cereal box
- **5 Points** On one of the sides, make sure to include the real title of the book & the author

Total Points: 100

Choice Six- Letter to the Author

Directions: Write a letter to the author of your novel that shows your response to the story. Put your letter in a marked envelope (not sealed), and if the author is still alive, we can actually send your letter!

Requirements:

- **40 points** Include all 5 elements of a friendly letter in the correct location/format. (Date, greeting, body, salutation, & signature)
- **10 Points** Tell him/her your opinion of the book with explanations
- **10 Points** Describe the character in the book you are most similar to and why
- **10 Points** Explain your favorite part of the book
- **10 Points** Include at least 2 questions you have about the book
- **10 Points** Needs to be at least 10 sentences
- **5 Points** Include an addressed envelope with a return address (you can use the school's address) & the author's address. (Check the back of the book or author's web site for author's address. You may also send the letter directly to the publisher, which should be on the copyright page of the book.) No stamp needed.
- **5 Points** Proper, grammar, usage and spelling

Total Points: 100

Choice Seven- Art Mobile

Directions: Create an art mobile using items related to the story. A mobile is an abstract sculpture that has moving parts, just like a wind chime or what hangs above a baby's crib in a nursery. If you still can't picture it, research "art mobile" on Google images.

Requirements:

- **35 Points** Select at least 5 items that symbolize people, places, events, or other parts of the book and hang them from a hanger or rod using string or yarn. You may create the hanging items artistically from any materials, or you may use pre-made objects.
- **30 Points** Neatness, creativity, and mobile is functional
- **30 Points** Write a key that explains every object in the mobile using at least two sentences each. (write the key on a separate piece of paper with your name)
- **5 Points** Present your mobile to the class

Total Points: 100 Points