

Middle School Summer Book Projects 2011-2012

Choose and complete ONE of these projects for EACH of your summer reading books. Each project should be completed on a sheet of 8.5 x 11 unlined paper (computer paper).

- The projects can be electronically generated or hand written.
- At least TWO different types of reports should be chosen for your three projects.
- Be ready to present one project orally.
- Be prepared to take part in a discussion and an activity on each book you've read.
- All students must participate since these reports, the oral presentation, the discussions and the activities are included in your first trimester grade.

1. Make a poster advertising the book in such a way that someone would want to read it. Include key characters, hints about the plot, and setting information.

2. Create a collage representing a character from the book. You may include words and pictures. Be sure to also add the character's name as your title.

3. Complete a series of five drawings that show five of the major events in the plot of the book. Write a caption for each drawing so that someone who did not read the book would have an understanding of both the story and the illustrations. Create a sixth drawing that shows the resolution of the book, but do not include that in the oral presentation. In your drawings include key characters, major plot developments, and setting information.

4. Develop a detailed timeline of at least 10 major events in chronological order from the book. Include a title. Include dates if applicable. Label each event with a detailed caption.

5. Create an interview with a major character. Write ten questions and answer them yourself in the way you think that character would answer them. The format should be a question followed by its answer for all of the ten questions. (If you present this orally, you will ask someone to be the questioner, and you will assume the character's role in the interview).

Helpful Hints:

- Use easy to read fonts. Use the largest font for the most important items. Use increasingly smaller font sizes for the less important items.
- Arrange your items on your sheets so there is an organized plan. Avoid vacant areas of large white space.
- Use darker colors for your words. Do not use yellow or pale colors for words or major objects unless the lighter colors are outlined in darker colors.
- Practice your oral presentation in front of an audience. Practice in front of a mirror.
- Remember to use good posture, eye contact, proper volume, correct pronunciation, and good enunciation in your oral presentation.