

Summer Reading Project Options 2019/2020

Soundtrack

Create an 8 song soundtrack for your book. For each song, write a 3-5 sentence explanation of why you chose the song and how it connects to the book.

Movie Trailer

If your book was going to be turned into a movie, what would the movie trailer look like? Create and record a movie trailer that is 1-2 minutes in length, and write a 2 paragraph explanation of how your trailer represents the movie. I would encourage you to watch a few movie trailer examples on Youtube prior to creating your own.

Current Events

Select five current news stories that you think a character or characters from your book would be interested in. Write a paragraph explaining how your character would respond to each of the stories and the opinions your character would have about what was happening in the story.

Children's Book

Rewrite your book into a children's book that includes the main characters and key events in a way that a young child would be able to understand. Your book should also be illustrated.

Characters Come to Life

Create portraits of two of the characters in your book. The portraits should also include a 3 paragraph written piece that tells about the character. The piece might also include information about events, traits, or conflicts in the book that involve that character.

Script It

Write a movie or play script for a favorite scene in your book. At the top of the script, assign real-life actors and actresses to play each role.

Letter to the Author

Write a letter to the book's author. Your letter should include your feelings about the characters, plot, and ending of the book. It should also include feedback on things you loved about the book, feedback on things you would change about the book, and questions that you may still have about the book.

Sing It

Write and record your own theme song for the book. The song should represent the overall theme of the book and make mention of the main characters, setting, etc..

Build It

Build a scene from the book using any materials that you wish. The scene should be important to the book. You should also include a 3 paragraph explanation of the scene and why it is important to the book.

Scene It

Draw or paint 3 significant scenes from the book. You should also include a 2 paragraph explanation of each scene and why you feel it is significant to the book.

Epilogue/Prologue

Add to your book by writing an epilogue or prologue or both! If you choose to write one, it should be at least 6 paragraphs. If you choose to do both, each one should be at least 3 paragraphs.

Scrapbook

Create a scrapbook for your book using photos and explanations. You should have at least 10 photos in your scrapbook with a 3-5 sentence paragraph explaining how each photo connects to the book.

Compare and Contrast

Option 1: Read a book that has been made into a movie (it must have been a book FIRST). Write a 5 paragraph essay comparing the movie version with the book.

Option 2: Read two books by the same author. Write a 5 paragraph essay comparing and contrasting the two books.

Game It

Create a game that represents your book. This can be in the form of a board game, Jeopardy style game, or any other creative method you can think of. Be sure to include instructions for the game and a 2 paragraph summary of the book!

Cover It

Design a new cover for your book complete with an illustration, a summary of the book, and book reviews. Also include a 2 paragraph explanation of how your illustration represents the book.

Literary Elements Poster

Design a poster that is broken into twelve sections (be creative with your shape). In one section, write a summary of your book. In another section, include the title and author of your book. In the remaining 10 sections, identify 10 different literary elements found in your book. These can be from the following categories:

- Dialect
- Tone &/or Mood
- Meaningful Quote
- Metaphor
- Point of View (1st, 2nd, Omniscient)
- Allusion
- Anecdote
- Hyperbole

- Imagery
- Foreshadowing
- Irony (Verbal, Situational, Dramatic)
- Flashback
- Personification
- Simile
- Symbolism

Passage Picker

Break your book into 5 sections that are as equal in length as possible. Choose a passage from each section that you like or feel is important. Write a 3-5 sentence paragraph about each chosen passage that starts with one of the following prompts:

- This passage is important because...
- This passage reveals the character's...
- This passage fits with the book as a whole since...
- This excerpt makes me feel (angry/sympathetic/confused etc.) because...
- This character reminds me of...
- This character exhibits the quality of courage (honesty, etc.) ...
- The point the author wants to make here is...
- I have felt the same emotions as this character when...
- The author uses the literary device of (imagery/symbolism/theme etc.)...
- I agree/disagree with this character's decision because...

Pitch It!

Have your own idea for a project? E-mail me your idea and explain why you think it would make a great project! My e-mail is Mandy_Balanetsky@wmsde.org