



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English – Mrs. Spanos

### Summer Reading Visual Project – 100 points

This year's summer reading assignment is a **historical fiction** based on **American History**! You will be studying American History this school year, and there are so many inspiring selections of literature that help us learn more about our country.

#### BOOK SELECTION DO'S AND DON'TS

##### DO

- ✓ **Do** select a book that is at an **8<sup>th</sup>** grade reading level or higher.
- ✓ **Do** select a book from a time period of interest to you and challenge yourself to learn.

##### DON'T

- ✓ **Don't** select a book that is not approved by your parents.
- ✓ **Don't** wait until the last minute to do this assignment
- ✓ **Don't** select a book that you have already read.

**DIRECTIONS:** Once you've selected a novel *and finished reading it*, create an attractive **tri-fold** poster board **OR** a Google Slideshow **USING THE RUBRIC** on the back of this page as your guide. There will be a **writing assignment** and **an oral presentation** on your book the first week of classes.

This project will be due on the first Friday we are back at school. Of course, you are free to turn in your project early! Simply share your slideshow with your teacher on Google Drive (use your BCS Google account only) or drop off your poster board at the office during summer business hours.

If you have any questions along the way, we are here to help! Feel free to email me at [lspanos@bcspanthers.org](mailto:lspanos@bcspanthers.org). Have a great summer and enjoy your book!

Blessings,

Mrs. Spanos

## Summer Reading Project Rubric

<p><b>Title/Subtitle (5 pts)</b></p>	<p>At the beginning of your slideshow or at the top of your poster board, include the title of your novel and a creative subtitle that describes the novel in a “_____meets _____” form. For example, if my novel was the book <i>Holes</i>, my project title might be something like this:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Holes: <u>Juvenile Delinquent</u> meets a <u>Shovel</u>.</i></b> <b>An English Project by Jane Doe</b></p>
<p><b>Author Bio (10)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include a picture of the author of your book.</li> <li>• Include <b>5</b> bulleted biographical facts beneath author picture.</li> <li>• Include “why” they wrote the book</li> <li>• (<i>Date of birth/death does not count as one of your 5 facts.</i>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Setting (20 pts)</b></p>	<p>Write a <b>8+</b> sentence paragraph describing the setting of your novel <b>IN DETAIL</b>. What was happening at the time? Why is this important to the story? Include picture(s) that is/are relevant to the setting of your story.</p> <p><i>*Remember that <b>setting</b> can refer to a place, region, or even a time period.</i></p>
<p><b>Character Descriptions (20)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Include picture(s) for two of your main characters</b></li> <li>• Under the picture, write <b>8+</b> sentences describing your main character (protagonist) and an important side character (antagonist). Your description should include physical and personality traits that are important to the character’s story. Give examples from the story that prove your descriptions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Plot Headlines (30 pts)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write <b>10</b> attention-grabbing headlines (the way you might see in a newspaper or magazine article) that capture the <b>10</b> most important events in your novel.</li> <li>• The headlines should follow the following plot outline: Exposition (2 headlines); Rising Action (2 headlines); Climax (2 headlines); Falling Action (2 headlines); Resolution (2 headlines)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Visual/Creativity (5 pts)</b></p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Your project should be visually attractive and show that you spent time and effort on it. Feel free to include pictures or cool transitions for those of you doing a slideshow.</p>
<p><b>Mechanics (10 pts)</b></p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Correct grammar, punctuation, spelling and sentence structure should be used.</p>