

Summer Reading 2023
Mrs. Cantey's Seventh Grade English Class

All students are to read the novel *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin. This book falls into the genre of a mystery, so you will all have to put the clues together to decide who commits the crime in the story!

For your summer assignment, see the project board below. You are asked to complete **TWO** of the assignments on this board to bring with you during the first week of school. We will complete further activities on the novel, discuss the elements of plot, and take a test on the book within the first few weeks of school. I hope you will enjoy this book as much as I did!

<p><u>Make three "Wanted" posters for three of the Westing heirs</u> on 8" x 11" papers. Illustrate your posters using physical descriptions of each character from the story, and include information on your posters about what makes each character suspicious. Add a reward on each poster for determining what each character is guilty of. Include any other interesting information that you can to make it great!</p>	<p><u>Write a six stanza poem about the heirs and their antics</u> throughout the novel. Write the poem as if you are Turtle from her perspective. Include at least two illustrations with your poem. Each stanza should be at least 4 lines long. You may either write or type your poem, but make sure to add color and graphics to make it visually appealing. Print it to bring to class with you.</p> <p>*Remember, a stanza is like a paragraph in poetry.</p>	<p>Pretend that ten years have gone by since the end of the novel. <u>Write a two page sequel to <i>The Westing Game</i></u>, telling what has happened in the lives of the major characters. You may write or type your sequel. If you choose to type it, make sure that your work is your own and that you can bring a printed copy to class with you. Include illustrations.</p>
<p><u>Create a 3-D model of the Sunset Towers.</u> Use recycled materials or any materials you'd like. Add a front sitting area and show a few characters in front of the building or in the windows. Be creative and make the model as life-like as possible according to the facts in the novel.</p>	<p><u>Write a two page mystery about the heirs of a millionaire who will do anything they can to be the beneficiary of the millionaire's will.</u> Add an illustration to your mystery to add interest to the story. You may write or type your story, but make sure your work is your own. If you type, double space your paper and print it to bring to class with you.</p>	<p><u>Write a twenty question test about <i>The Westing Game</i> for another student to take.</u> You must include 5 each of True/False, Multiple Choice, Fill-in-the-blank or short answer, and Matching questions. Don't forget to add directions for each section so that other students know what to do! *Include a separate answer key.</p>