6th Grade Summer Reading Book Project

Instructions: Choose ONE of the following project options below to complete for the summer reading novel you read (OTHER than the book we are all reading together.



Regardless of what option you choose below, I expect the following from you:

1. Your project is neat and demonstrates time, care, and effort.
2. You show me you truly read the book, showing me a deep understanding of the plot, characters, and events of the book.
3. You took creative risks and made your project the best it could be.
4. You clearly follow ALL instructions for the option you chose.

Option #1: New Book Jacket

Make a new book jacket for the book. Think about the settings, characters, and big events. Make it unique. IT SHOULD NOT LOOK LIKE THE ORIGINAL COVER.

- **Front cover:** Draw and color an illustration for the book, include the title and author's name..
- **Inside front flap**: Write a short summary of the book–but don't spoil it and give everything away! (50-100 words) Please do not copy from the book. That is plagiarism–and will result in a zero.
- **Inside back flap:** About the Author: do a little research on the author and give us a short paragraph (30-50 words) on who the author is. Please do not copy from the book. That is plagiarism–and will result in a zero.
- **Back cover:** Write 2-3 quotes that review the book positively. You can make up people to say the quote, or you can ask classmates who read the book how they would review it and include their names.

Option #2: Character Interview

Write out an interview between you and a character from the book in a style similar to movie script dialogue. Write 20 questions to ask your character. Then write a dialogue where you

and the main character talk back and forth, addressing the 20 questions you came up with. The character should respond like you think the character would from the book.

Main requirements:

- at least 350 words long, typed
- demonstrates a clear understanding of the character, who they are, their personality, and how they would respond
- At least 5 questions have to be connected to the events of the book

Option #3: Side Character Journals

Write 3 journal entries from the perspective of a side character. This can be any character **except** for the main protagonist (the character you're cheering for) and the main antagonist (the character that is throwing a wrench in the protagonists' plans). What would they write about? Include details about the story, observation of the main characters and events, and show their personality. All three journal entries should be a total of at least 250 words.

Option #4: Graphic Novel Scene

Create a graphic novel version of the most important scene from your book. Use 8 ½ x 11 inch blank paper. Create the scene on the full page or folded hamburger-style to make a mini-comic. Comics should be colored, include main characters, and incorporate all of the Comic Basics from Jarrett Lerner (this is on an infographic that is attached to this handout).

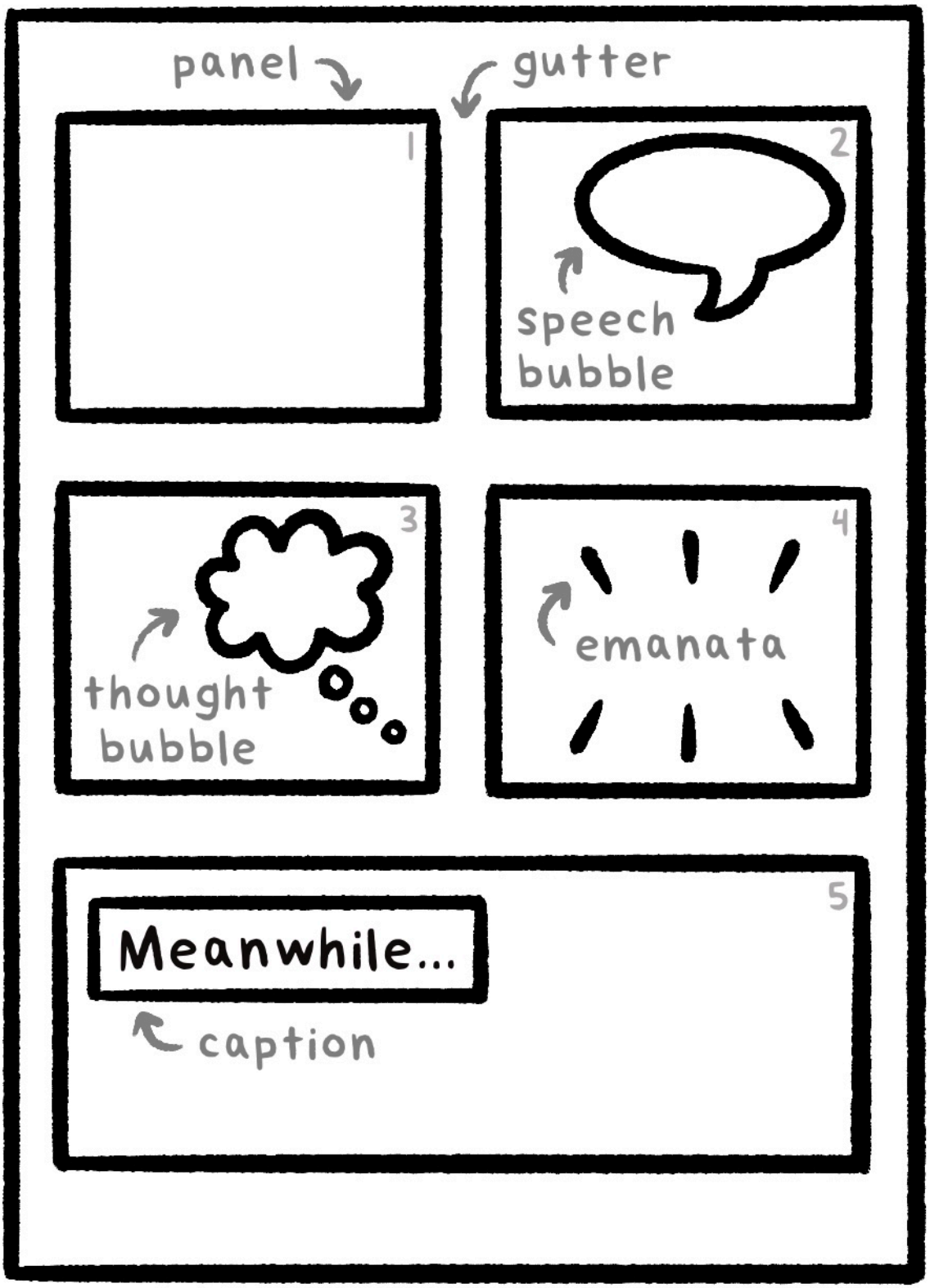
Option #5: Before or After Fan Fiction

Choose any character from the novel you read. Compose a fan fiction story that invents either a past (a story that happens BEFORE the events of the novel) or future (a story that happens AFTER the end of the novel) for the character you chose. Your story should be at least 350 words, mimic the style of the author as best as possible, include the character's name, and be realistic to the world of the story. For example, if you read *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White, and you suddenly throw in a dinosaur into the mix, that would NOT fit into the world of the story.

I cannot wait to see what you create!
–Mrs. Briseño

Due Date: Friday, August 28th, 2026 (Mrs. Briseño's birthday! 🥳). A great gift to her would be reading lots of great books, doing your best work, and turning this in on time! 🥳

Comics Basics



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