



Summer Reading Assignment

English 12

This summer, you will select a genre book of your choice—any genre (mystery, fantasy, historical fiction, sci-fi, horror, romance, thriller, dystopian, etc.). You will also complete two assignments as you read your chosen book: one written, one creative. Be sure to also fill out the form below about your chosen book. Everything will be due by the first week of school. Happy reading!

BOOK FORM

Title

Author

Chosen Genre

Why you chose this genre? (3 - 5 sentences)

WRITTEN RESPONSE

Respond to **one** of the five prompts below in well-developed paragraphs. Each response should be at least 300 words and include specific textual evidence (quotations or detailed references).

Genre Deep Dive

Identify 2–3 common traits of your chosen genre. How does your book reflect or subvert those traits? Consider elements like tone, structure, tropes, or character types.

Character Complexity	Choose a central character and analyze their arc. How do their choices shape the narrative? Do they fulfill typical roles within the genre, or challenge expectations?
Theme & Social Commentary	What larger ideas or societal issues does the book explore (e.g., power, identity, corruption, love, truth)? How does the genre help the author highlight or complicate these ideas?
Author's Purpose	What do you think the author wanted the reader to feel, question, or realize by the end of the book? How do genre and storytelling techniques contribute to this impact?
CREATIVE RESPONSE	
Choose one of the following projects to complete after reading. This should reflect your understanding of the book and its genre , and show original thinking .	
Genre Remix Short Story	Write a 2–3 page short story that takes a key scene from your book and reimagines it in a different genre . Keep the characters and basic conflict, but change the setting, tone, and conventions. Include a 1-paragraph explanation of your choices.
Annotated Playlist	Create a 3–5 song playlist that captures the emotional arc of the protagonist or the major themes of the book. For each song, write a short annotation (5–7 sentences) explaining how the lyrics or tone connect to specific moments or ideas in the book.
Comparative Review Essay	Write a 300 - 500 word review comparing your book to another work (book, film, or show) from the same genre. Consider how each uses genre conventions, handles character development, or explores similar themes. End with your opinion on which work was more effective and why.
Visual Metaphor Project	Create a symbolic visual representation (painting, collage, digital art, etc.) that captures the book's central theme or conflict. Include a 1-page (double spaced) written explanation of your symbolism, how it connects to the book, and how it reflects the genre.
"Deleted Scene" Script	Write a 2–3 page scene that could have been included in the book—perhaps a key moment from a different character's POV or a "missing" moment the author skipped. Style your dialogue and tone to match the genre. Include a short explanation of where it would fit and why it's meaningful.