

Incoming English 2 Students

Summer Reading Project Choices

Welcome to English 2. To be prepared for this school year it is mandatory that every student participates in summer reading and complete the attached assignment.

This project will count as two Classwork grades: one for the project completed over the summer, and a second for an in-class assignment.

Choose ONE of the following projects.

HONORS: You must complete TWO of these projects (one per book).

Newspaper: Create and write a newspaper, including multiple pages, detailing the various subjects explored in your book. You must include five to ten articles having to do with your story. Remember, there is no "white space" in a newspaper. The layout of your newspaper should cover every available space. Cartoons, classifieds, advertisements, pictures, and editorials are examples of what you can add to your newspaper to make it more interesting and creative. Remember that every part of the newspaper needs to relate to the events in your book.

CD: Imagine that you have been hired to develop a soundtrack to your book. Find at least ten songs that showcase the book's themes, settings, emotions, characters, etc. You must include the following with your project: a CD with the songs (if possible), a CD jacket including lyrics and illustrations, and, for each song an explanation of your song choice and how the song relates to your book. You must also include song lyrics in your explanation.

Piece of Artistic Expression: If you are artistic or good with your hands, create a painting, sculpture, diorama, or other visual media object connected to your book. You'll need to write a summary of the book and an explanation of the object and how it connects to the book you just read.

Comic Book: Create a comic book using the plot of the book you just read. You don't need to include every little detail, but all the main events and main characters should be covered. The project should include at least fifteen different frames. Your comic book should be illustrated in color.

Character Journal: Choose one character from your book and write five to ten journal entries from his or her point of view. Detail the thoughts and feelings of this character as he or she experiences the plot of your novel. Each entry should be one page in length, typed, double-spaced.

Poetry Journal: If you enjoy writing poetry, you can write a collection of poems that chronicle your novel. You need to write five to ten poems that correspond to characters, themes, events, or other elements seen throughout your novel. Along with each poem, your collection should include some kind of illustration or image to go along with each poem.

Movie Trailer: If you think the book you just read would make a great movie, create a movie trailer to show to the class. It should be 2-5 minutes in length and you should be able to show the final product to the class.

Grading: This assignment will be worth two classwork grades: one for the project completed over the summer and one for an in-class assessment

Summer Reading Help will be available at the Bolger Media Center from 2:45-3:45 on Thursdays 8/2, 8/9 & 8/16.