

Mrs. Conner
7th Grade
Literature

Novel Projects & Activities

Three total projects per quarter: 2 fiction, 1 nonfiction

Fiction:

You must read at least ONE fiction book per quarter. You may read more if you wish. Your book does not have to be AR approved, but your book choice must be at your level. Your level is determined from the STAR test. There are thirteen fiction projects listed below. You must choose and complete TWO fiction projects per quarter. You may complete all projects/activities over one fiction novel or several novels.

Nonfiction:

You must read at least ONE nonfiction book per quarter. You may read more if you wish. Your book does not have to be AR approved or have chapters, but your choice must be at your level. There are three nonfiction options below, and you are to complete ONE nonfiction project per quarter from that list.

All projects are done over individual novels, not our whole-class novels. The novels of choice may come from the library, my classroom, home, or another teacher. You may not do the same project twice in a given quarter. Due dates for projects must be turned in by the dates given, but may be turned in anytime during the quarter. You must read the novel before completing the projects. You will pick ONE project to present to the class. This will be done towards the end of the quarter (date given later). Each project is 50 points and 30% of your grade. You are graded on creativity, effort, evidence of reading, relation to book, and neatness.

If the project is done on the computer, send the finished project to jconner@ges60.org. If it is done on paper or poster board, you must physically turn it in.

Fiction project options:

1. Summary

*Write a summary of your book. Remember, a summary is not every detail and event, only the most important events. Your summary should include the entire plot of the story. You must write at least two paragraphs, but no more than four. Type this in Google Docs.

2. Slideshow

Create a slideshow presentation about your book and include a summary and literary elements. You will need: the author, book title, characters, setting, theme, point of view, conflict, resolution, and 3 pictures (no more than 3). Create the slides in Google Slides. Include the website where you found your images or any information on the author. If you forget this, it is plagiarism and will result in a zero percent.

3. Alternate Ending

Write a **three to five paragraph** creative, alternate ending to the novel. Write the story in third person point of view, as the narrator. Make sure to use facts from the book in your creative story. Type in Google Docs using typing guidelines.

4. Poster

*This can be done in class or online. If done out of class and online, take a picture and send it to my Gmail.

Create a poster on a poster board. On this poster, include the following: title, author, characters, short summary (1-2 paragraphs), setting map of the main setting, new cover for book (not the one given), acrostic poem with the protagonist's name. For the acrostic poem, use the first letters of one of the characters' names and represent something about that character, such as his/her personality, actions from the novel, thoughts, goals, likes/dislikes, what he/she looks like, etc. You must have more than one word.

5. The Playlist

*This can be done in class or online. If done out of class and online, take a picture and send it to my Gmail.

Create a playlist or soundtrack that would be appropriate for the story.

Write 2 sentences explaining why each song was included. Also include a CD case with the track name and title of your soundtrack.

*paper creation: write and draw on a piece of computer paper

*online creation: use Google Docs and Google Drawings

6. Crossword Puzzle

*This can be done in class or online. If done out of class and online, take a picture and send it to my Gmail.

Create a crossword puzzle using characters and elements from the novel.

Include a minimum of 20 entries. Create this on paper, Google Docs, or a crossword puzzle maker website.

7. Figurative Language & Quotes

Find 10 examples of figurative language in your novel. Write the sentence, cite the page number, and type of figurative language. Find 5 meaningful quotes from the book. Write the quote, cite the page number, and include why this quote is so important to the book. Type this in Google Docs.

8. Alphabetic Book

*This can be done in class or online. If done out of class and online, take a picture and send it to my Gmail.

Make an alphabet book on your novel. For each letter, write two items, characters, etc. that start with that letter and remind you of the book. You can include characters, places, events, theme, etc. Create this alphabetic list on a piece of paper or poster. Add color and pictures!

Nonfiction Project Options:

1. Summary

Write a two paragraph summary of the nonfiction novel. Include only the most important parts of the story, not every detail. Follow typing guidelines, type in Google Docs, and share to my email when completed.

2. Slideshow

Create a slideshow presentation about your book. You will need: the author, book title, summary, ten facts about the book topic, and three pictures (no more than three). Create the slides in Google Slides. Include the website where you found your images or any information on the author. If you forget this, it is plagiarism and will result in a zero percent.

3. Book Talk with Mrs. Conner (must be done in class or video chat)

Find a time to meet with Mrs. Conner to discuss your book. You will have five minutes to share information during this time to show the book was read and understood. You must find a time that works with Mrs. Conner.