

Summer Reading Work/Projects

Grades 4-8

Mandatory Novel:

For each grade level, mandatory novels will be accompanied by a test and themed work in September upon arrival to school. Be sure the novel has been FULLY read and UNDERSTOOD to be able to engage in discussion, cooperative group work, and any other activity that coordinates with the mandatory reading.

Choice Novel #1:

The knowledge of choice novel #1 must be accompanied by a Book Report. Your writing ability must be evident in your Full Length book report. This will be your first writing assignment of the year; be sure to start out on the right foot. Your book report must include the following:

- Creative Cover
- Title/ Author
- Characters (both main characters and supporting characters)
- FULL Summary (including all important information from your novel)
 - Setting (Time/Place the story takes place)
 - Important Themes

Your book report must be typed and edited by at least two people before handing in.

Choice Novel #2:

The knowledge of choice novel #2 must be accompanied by a CREATIVE, WELL, THOUGHT-OUT project. This project must be in one of the following formats:

- Power Point Presentation (explaining ALL aspects of the novel)
- Video Commercial (at least 5 minutes long "selling" the novel)
- Sales Pitch (creatively presented, **same as above, just not video taped**)
- Design a Billboard (must include title, author, characters, plot summary, themes, creativity)
 - Book in a Bag (GRADES 4 AND GRADE 5 ONLY)

If you choose the Book in a bag project option, you MUST:

- ✚ Decorate the outside of a paper bag with clues and/or scenes from your book. Also neatly and clearly label the bag with the title of your book, the author's name, your first and last name, and Grade 4 or 5.

- ✚ Choose, create, and/or make TEN items that are important to your story to place inside the bag. The items should help explain the characters, setting, and plot of the story. BE CREATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE!!
- ✚ Neatly write or type explanations (on a separate piece of paper or index cards) as to why each item is important to be included in your “Book in a Bag” project. Make sure that these TEN explanations are proofread for spelling, grammatical, capitalization, and/or punctuation errors. Each explanation should be **at least FIVE sentences** long. The paper or index cards should have the proper heading as well.
- ✚ Last, you will present your project to the class, so be prepared to explain each item and its significance to your story.