

## English 7: Book Project Choices

*This is a list of book projects that you may choose from each time a book is assigned in seventh grade English with Mr. George. Read and consider each project below carefully before beginning. Be sure that you choose something that will highlight your personal abilities or talents.*

**Picture Book:** You will rewrite the novel in the style of a picture book. You will take the most important parts of the plot and illustrate them and provide text for description. You will use at least 5 direct quotations from the novel (as dialogue, or as part of your text). Of course, illustrations will be key. I recommend looking at children's picture books for ideas for layout and design. A grade will be given for content as well as appearance.

**Collector Cards:** You will create a set of cards similar to baseball or hockey cards. Through these cards you will demonstrate your understanding of the novel. You will have 15 cards in total: 5 character, 2 setting, 1 theme, 1 author, 3 literary device and 1 surprise card. They will be submitted contained within a package. I recommend using large, unlined index cards. You may sketch, use computer graphics or magazine cut-outs for the visual component. ***You may also use Powerpoint to create your "cards".***

**Board Game:** Create an attractive, interesting board game that incorporates important elements of the novel including plot, character, setting, conflict and theme. You will create the playing surface and any necessary cards and game pieces, as well as instructions. Design a game box for everything to fit in.

**Diary:** Write a diary that one of the story's main characters might have kept before, during, or after the book's events. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary. These diary entries must be very well written, at least a typed page in length for each entry. Your entries must include one (1) entry before the book started, three (3) during the story, and one (1) after the story ended. Choose the most important events to enter into the diary.

**Video/Play:** Dramatize a scene or scene(s) from the book with others from the class. You must write a script of 4 pages in length (double spaced/typed/size 12-14 font). You are to choose one major scene from the novel. Costumes and props are to be part of the scene. You must either upload the video to YouTube (with parent permission) or record the video to a full size DVD.

**Interview:** Videotape an interview with one of the characters in the book you read. Pretend that you are a magazine or newspaper reporter interviewing a character of your choice. You may do this project with a partner, but be sure to write a script before taping. Your script must be 4 typed pages in length. (double spaced/typed/size 12-14 font)

**Author:** Imagine that you are the author of the book you chose to read. Suddenly, the book becomes a best seller. Write a letter to a movie producer trying to get that person interested in making your book into a movie. Explain why the story, characters, conflicts, etc., would make a good film. Suggest a filming location and the actors to play the various roles. This must be at least 4 typed pages in length. (double spaced/typed/size 12-14 font)

**Comic Book:** If you have creative drawing talent, then you might want to create a mini-comic book relating to several (3 or more) chapters of your book. Each mini-book must have at least a series of 8 pictures for each chapter. These books will summarize the chapters in comic form. If you choose this, make sure that you have the talent to draw these comics. You may also use comic programs like "Comic Life" (Google it) to create your comic.

**Poster:** Make a "wanted" poster for one of the characters in your book. Include the following: (a) a drawing or cut out picture of the character, (b) a physical description of the character or object, (c) the character's misdeeds (or deeds?), (d) other information about the character that is important, (e) the reward offered for the capture of the character. Include the personal conflicts this person had as well as a description of their personality. This poster must be done with great detail about the person "wanted". This person might be wanted for doing good deeds or bad deeds.

**Powerpoint:** Create a Powerpoint comparing and contrasting at least 4 major characters from the book. Include how they are alike and different both inside and out. What are the major conflicts these characters face and how did they face those conflicts. Were they the same or different? At least 2 slides per character.

