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INDEPENDENT NOVEL PROJECT: TERM 2

Choose a novel you would like to read and explore. Be sure to get it approved by your teacher. **The following project will be completed at school.** Reading will take place at home and at school, however all written aspects will be completed at school.

Note page numbers where information can be found in the text. Please create a cover page for your project as well as a table of contents (label each assignment with the corresponding page number listed). Please be prepared for a final presentation of your project to your classmates. Your project must be put together in the following order:

Tasks:

1. Give a brief summary of the plot, telling the story. (at least 1 page) Include 2-5 of the main events and describe what happens at the end.
2. Explain the significance of the title (at least 1 full paragraph). Authors do not choose a title randomly. Usually the title is symbolic in some way.
3. Describe the setting and genre – time period, location, etc. (at least 1 full paragraph)
4. Discuss in 1 full page your ideas about the main character(s). Explain what you like or dislike about them and why they are worthy of praise and/or criticism.
5. In 1 full page, identify what caused a major change in the main character(s) and explain how the character(s) changed. These changes may have been a consequence of choice, a conflict, a display of some outstanding trait like courage, or even a result of events that occur during the novel.
6. Copy 5 of your favourite phrase/sentences from the book and explain why you chose each of them.
7. In 1 full page write a general review of the book. Would you recommend the book? Why or why not? Would you have changed any element of the story (plot, characters, setting, resolution, conflicts, point of view, etc.)?
8. Select and complete a creative project that relates to your novel. See suggestions for ideas. This project will be presented to the rest of the class.

Have FUN and be CREATIVE!

Student name: _____ Book title: _____

Due date: _____ Parent Signature: _____

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Creative Project Idea - Book in a...

Choose any container for your book project. You may choose any container that suits your needs or theme of your book (manila envelope, paper bag, plastic bag, can with a cover, box, or any other container that you can imagine. Be creative!) Decorate the container with details appropriate to the book. We should know something about the book by examining the outside. Be sure your name and the title of the book are labelled. Inside the container, include the following: 6 questions that could be answered by reading the book. 3 of these should be basic fact questions, and 3 should be discussion or thinking questions; 5 vocabulary words from the story, with their definitions and the sentences from the book that the words were used in; 5 items that depict the story in some way. Make sure that the setting and main characters are represented in your project. When you present to the class, you will share all of the items in your container. For the vocabulary, read the sentences containing the words and allow students to guess at their definitions before you reveal the definitions.

Creative Project Idea - Picture book author

Create a picture book version of the story that would appeal to younger students. Make sure that each page is illustrated and coloured. Re-write the text which is on your reading level to a much shorter version on a much lower reading level. This must be completely in your own words. Design a cover and a title page. Make sure that the front cover and title page both give the original author's name and the words "Adapted by:" and your first and last name.

Creative Project Idea - Interview with a character

Compose six to eight questions to ask a main character in the book. Then, write the character's response to each question. The questions and answers should provide information that shows you read the book (include the most significant details). Then, pick a friend to play the interviewer and perform your interview for the class. Challenge: Dress up as your character. Choosing a secondary character will also make this one more of a challenge.

Creative Project Idea - The Daily News!

Create a front page for a newspaper from the town or city where your book is set. Besides news stories, you may also want to include appropriate advertisements, editorial column, gossip column, weather, or other features. Tie every part of your newspaper page in with your book. Tell the class about your newspaper page and how each part relates to the book.

Creative Project Idea - Dear Diary

Think carefully about your character and create a diary or journal that he or she would keep. Would your character have a beautiful journal with a cloth cover? A messy one with a torn cover? One with drawings in it, or just words? Create a diary or journal book and fill it with at least 3 entries which give the character's POV (point of view) of an important part of the book. Make sure that your entry gives the character's feelings about the events. You may have to infer this from other clues in the story, such as how the character acts, what he or she says, or how he or she is described after the event occurs (Is he scowling? Is she yelling at everyone? Is he shaking? Is she laughing hysterically?) If you'd like a challenge, choose a secondary character instead of a main character.

Creative Project Idea - Timeline

Create and present a timeline of the events of the book. You may illustrate the timeline if you like. Write a paragraph for each event on the timeline.

Creative Project Idea - Book bag or Suitcase

Pack a book bag or suitcase for one of the characters. Include at least 10 important objects. Show each object to the class and explain why you chose that object. Then tell about the plot and characters of the story.

Creative Project Idea - Book Song

Write a song that tells about your book. You can make up your own tune, or put your words to a familiar tune. Alone or with friends, perform your song for the class. Use the rest of your presentation time to tell about the story and characters.

Creative Project Idea - Your own great idea!

Come up with a neat presentation of your own that will include a visual and last 3-5 minutes. Be creative and have fun with it! Be sure to check with me to see if your idea is acceptable!