

PROJECT OPTIONS

Diary or Journal in the Voice of a Character from the Book: You can follow the events of the novel and give your chosen character's impressions and reflections on those events. Go beyond the obvious. What thoughts are racing through his/her mind? Who does she/he turn to for support? Is there any anger or frustration in her/his voice? Pick this project if you feel like the book's characters really came alive for you.

Requirements: Create at least 5 journal entries as your character.

Each entry must be at least one page long.

Write Letters Between Characters: This project can be done in two ways. You could write letters back and forth between two characters in your book. Or you could write letters between one character in your book and another person from literature or history. How would they get along? What stories might they share? Choose this project if you think interaction between characters is more interesting than introspection from one character.

Requirements: Create at least three letters from each character.

Each letter must be a minimum of one page long. Neatness and creativity matter!

Create a Film Poster for Your Book: Imagine that your book has been made into a movie. How would you create a poster that shows something significant about the plot, tone, and/or theme of the story while attracting a big audience? What famous actors would best play the rolls? Who would direct it? On the back of your poster, you could include a fictional review from someone like Roger Ebert. Include some sort of writing component with a project, to make it clear that you really know your stuff.) Pick this project if you think of yourself as a film buff or pop culture know-it-all.

Requirements: Make sure your poster is in color and looks like a film poster.

The fictional review on the back must be at least one page long. Neatness and creativity count!

Design a CD Cover and Burn a Playlist for Your Book: If your book's characters and themes reminded you of songs you love, go ahead and use that inspiration for your project. Design a cool looking CD cover that relates to your book, and in the CD booklet, include the reasons you chose each song (i.e. how they related to the story's characters, plot points, theme, or tone). This project works especially well for books about road trips, but can be used for any kind of story. Choose this project if music is your life.

Requirements: The CD booklet must contain a 1 paragraph in depth explanation of why you chose each song.

Make the CD booklet attractive like any other album cover. Neatness and creativity matter!

Get Crafty With Cartography (That's Mapmaking, FYI): Look back closely at the places that were important in your book, and illustrate a map that shows where they all are in relation to one another. Then create a key in which you explain why each place is so important to the story. This works well with books in which the location is really important. Select this project if you're known for your close attention to detail.

Requirements: Your map must be as accurate as you can make it with attention to detail.

Include a key, compass rose, and labels

Build a Facebook Page or Twitter Account for a Character: Set up a fictional Facebook or twitter account for a character from your book. Fill up your profile with the kinds of things that your chosen character would be into. If you've got a friend who read the same summer reading book, you could each set up an account for different characters. You could comment back and forth on each other's pages. Pick this project if you're into social media sites.

Requirements: Be prepared to share the link to the page or twitter feed with your teacher.

Make sure the autobiographical information is true to the book. Do not choose this without your parent's permission

Make a Mini-Movie About Your Book: Use software like Imovie, search for [Movie Maker](#) on your PC, or download [Microsoft's Photo Story](#). Choose this project if you dream about being the next Steven Spielberg or M. Night Shyamalan.

Requirements: Movie must be at least ten minutes long.