

Name: _____ English Class Period: _____

3rd Quarter INDEPENDENT READING PROJECT



Step 1: Book Selection Date Selected: _____

- After your visit to the library, you must select 1 book that you are committed to completing this quarter. Record information about your book below:
 - **Book Title:** _____
 - **Book Author:** _____
 - **Number of Pages:** _____
 - **Teacher Approval:** _____ (initials)

Step 2: Active Reading

- While reading your text, during Thursday SSR and at home independently, you will be required to complete weekly bookmark responses on each of the following:

Journal Descriptions	Page # assignment and Due Date	Teacher Initials
#1: Setting the Scene —Describe the setting of your book.	PP. _____ Due Date: _____	
#2: Character Analysis —Describe the main character of your book.	PP. _____ Due Date: _____	
#3: Conflict —Describe the major “problem” of your story.	PP. _____ Due Date: _____	
#4: Connections! —Describe one personal connection you have made with your characters or events.	PP. _____ Due Date: _____	
#5: Theme —Explain one major life lesson that can be learned from your book.	PP. _____ Due Date: _____	
#6: Summary/Predictions —Summarize the major events so far and predict how major conflicts may be resolved.	PP. _____ Due Date: _____	
#7: Book Review Shout Out —Describe your personal reactions to the book. Write a recommendation.	PP. _____ Due Date: _____	

Note: Each journal must be submitted by the assigned date. Your teacher will initial your sheet for each journal submitted ON TIME. Each bookmark response can be used in drafting your final project, so stay organized!

Step 3: Independent Reading Project

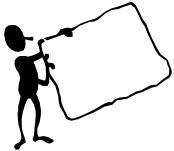
Final Due Date: _____

- After completing your entire novel, and responding on each of your SSR bookmarks, you will choose ONE of the following three options for a final reading project display.



Project Option #1: Cereal Box Books

- Using an empty cereal box as a frame, you will creatively cover each surface of the box to reflect your interpretation of various aspects of your book.
- On each surface you will include pictures, symbols, and written descriptions based on each of the topics from your SSR bookmarks.
- The entire box must be covered so that none of the original box shows.



Project Option #2: Book Review Poster Board

- On a large poster board, you will present a comprehensive review of your book, including your interpretations of each aspect reviewed in your SSR bookmark responses.
- On the front of your poster, you will include a collage of pictures, symbols, and words that represent the Title and “big ideas” in your book
- On the back of the poster, you will carefully lay out sections that include illustrations/descriptions that address character, themes, setting, etc.



Project Option #3: Cliff Notes Book Reference

- You will assemble a small booklet to create a “Cliff Notes” reference book for your novel .
- Your cover will include artistic and visual representations of major ideas and themes in your book.
- Each page inside your book will use images and written descriptions to reflect your interpretation of each SSR book mark topic, such as character, setting, plot, etc.
- Your booklet could be a reading guide for anyone who picks up your book in the future!!

****NOTE:** Any of the above options may also be completed electronically using the site, Glogster.com. More information to follow...

Step 4: Book Talk

Your Assigned Book Talk Date: _____

- In your book talk, you will orally share your book project with the class.
- You must give a detailed summary of your book, share important themes/lessons, make one personal connection, and explain your personal recommendation of the novel.

The Independent Reading Project (Including all 4 steps) is a cumulative assignment that requires a great amount of personal motivation and organization! Good Luck! 😊

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