

Book Reports

- Students will read four outside reading books and complete four book reports. Books will be brought to class for a book check and must be cleared by Ms. Herbst
 - Genres
 - Book 1: Any nonfiction, including: biography, autobiography or memoir
 - Book 2: British literature
 - Book 3: World literature (not American, not British)
 - Book 4: Student choice
- Books should be brought to class on a daily basis in case class work is completed.
- Students are to complete one of the listed book report projects. If students would like to propose an alternative book report, it must be approved by Ms. Herbst two weeks before the book report is due.

Option 1: Twitter account

If one of the characters in your book could tweet, what would they say? Do NOT create an actual account on Twitter; simply:

- Go to a site like simitator.com or faketweetbuilder.com to create your actual tweet boxes (these will be .jpgs that can be inserted into your book report)
- Create a username
- Create a user profile picture (this can be a drawing, cartoon or photo)
- Type out a bio (remember, only 151 characters for a bio).
- Compose 15-20 tweets
 - These can include “retweets” or “quoted tweets”
 - These can include appropriate hashtags
 - MUST all have a date
 - Can only be 140 characters or fewer
- Write a two to three sentence explanation, per tweet, of their significance.
 - Why would the user tweet that?
 - How does it relate to the plot? Character development? Time period?

Option 2: Short movie

You can create a cartoon (using websites like goanimate.com, animoto.com or wideo.com) or create and edit a live action scene using a script and friends, or even stuffed animals with voice over.

- Choose an influential scene from your book.
- Recreate it, with an appropriate script, setting and cast of characters.
 - Your movie clip should be 20-60 seconds long.
- Write a one to two page explanation (Times New Roman or Cambria, 12 pt, justified left, double spaced) about why you chose this scene. Feel free to include textual references to further your analysis. This portion must be turned in via turnitin.com

Option 3: Soundtrack

Create a ten to twelve song original soundtrack for a movie that would be made using your book. Your soundtrack must be properly ordered (think about the progression of sound, the plot of your book, etc.). Written explanations should be turned in via turnitin.com

For each song, include:

- The title of the song
- The name of the artist
- Two to three sentence explanation of why each song was chosen
 - what purpose would it serve (think mood)
 - why the song is appropriate
 - which scene it would accompany and why

Option 4: DVD cover

Create the front of a DVD cover for the movie version of your book. Must be an original illustration.

Must include:

- title
- original illustration
- names of at least two actors who will star in the movie
- On the back of the illustration, include an explanation about:
 - Why you chose that illustration for the cover
 - Which character the actor will play and why they were a good match