

## Non-Fiction Book Project

**Part I.** Choose one of the following:

Make a poster advertising the subject you read about. If you like, you can pretend that there is a movie being made about the subject and make a Movie poster.

Write a book review for a newspaper or magazine about the book you read. This review should be approximately half a page.

**Part II.**

You will be expected to give a mini presentation on your book, and tell the class some of the main topics/ideas from your book. If you are making a poster, you will be expected to show your poster while you are presenting. Your presentation should not be longer than three minutes.

## Mystery Book Project

For this book project, you will be doing two things:

1. First, you will write a review of the book you read for a peer. I will be using these reviews next year, so please make them honest. The following should be included in your review.
  - A brief summary of the plot
  - If you liked the book
  - Whether or not you recommend the book for other freshman and why or why not.
  - Make sure to include the title and author of the book.
2. The second part of your project will be a quiz. You need to include 20 questions about the novel. The purpose of this quiz is to prove that the student read the whole book, so make sure to include questions that are from all different parts of the book (beginning, middle, end). You may use multiple choice, fill in the blank, short answer, matching. Etc. Make sure to include an answer key with your quiz.

Note: Make sure that you use formal English when writing up this assignment. Do not use slang!!

## Historical Fiction Book Report

### Assignment

For this book project, you will be writing multiple entries. Your assignment is to pretend you are the main character(s) and write a diary of events before, during, or after the book's events. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary. This needs to be written in **FIRST PERSON!**

### Requirements

You need to write at least 5 entries, ½ to one page. All typed entries must be double spaced. The title and author of your book need to be written at the top of this assignment. Approximate dates need to be included for each entry.

### Your diary entries:

- The main character's description of the setting (if there are more than one, choose one), and his/her reaction to it.
- The main characters impression, thoughts, etc. about one of the other characters in the book.
- The main character's reaction to a specific event in the book, make sure to explain the event and how he/she acted in the situation.
- An entry that reveals how the character has grown/changed at some point in the book, and what made him/her change.
- This last entry needs to be a reflection from your main character stating what he/she is planning to do in the future (after the book ends). If your main character dies in the book, choose another character to write this entry.

## Free Choice Partners Book Project-Where Are They Now?

Sometimes, at the end of a movie, we are told what happens to the characters later on (after the movie has ended). Just like in the clip from *Legally Blonde*. Your assignment is to make up a “where are they now” for two to four of the main characters in your story. Do not write a where are they now for a character that has died. Also, do not make any of your characters die.

This is a creative project, you are making up a story about what happened to the person after they died. The description should be about a paragraph long for each character. If there is a sequel to your book, like *Harry Potter*, write about a time that is later than the span of the book, for example, you could write about Harry Potter when he is forty. Also, if all of the main characters die, or are very old, you may want to write about their childhood instead.

Here is an example of a “where are they now” for the play *Romeo and Juliet*:

After the death of his son and wife, Lord Montague decided to make a new start, and continue his line, by marrying Rosaline. Rosaline bore him two sons, and they grew up to be fine young men. Lord Montague always reminded his sons that they could marry whomever they chose.

## Free Choice Book Project

You will need a 5x8 note card to complete your project.

*Directions:* Take a 5x8 note card.

- On one side write the title and author of the book you read
- On the other side, give your book a rating (1-5 stars) and write a brief peer review of the book. Keep in mind that people your age will be reading this card, so be honest. If you thought the book was boring, exciting, too easy or difficult, interesting, etc. write it down. Make sure to tell the reader what genre the book is and what the book is about without giving too much away.

## **Autobiography/Biography Book Project**

For your last book project you will be giving a presentation about the person/group of persons you read about. The presentation should be no more than three minutes long and should only give the most important details of their life/lives.

Some things to consider when presenting:

- What made/makes the person famous?
- What challenges/hardships did the person face?
- What, if anything, was/is unique about the person's childhood?
- How was/is this person different from ordinary people?
- What (if any) contributions have this person made to the world?

You will be graded on both the content of your presentation and your performance skills.

Be prepared to answer questions the class may have about your book.

## Science Fiction/ Fantasy

There are two parts to this assignment

### **Part I.**

Pretend that you work for or own a travel agency or a travel website (like expedia.com). You are responsible for designing either:

**a brochure** (for a travel agency) or **a web advertisement** for the setting of your book. If there are several cities/towns/planets/domiciles/etc., mentioned in your book, choose one.

If you are making a brochure, make sure it looks like one (it should be folded like one).

If you are making a website, you can make a one page advertisement; either computer generated or hand drawn, the way it would appear on a website. You may create an actual website and email me the link at [tbrownstein@san-marino.k12.ca.us](mailto:tbrownstein@san-marino.k12.ca.us) instead, but it must be emailed to me before you come to class on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Part II.**

Along with your brochure/website, you must also include a customer review of the place you are advertising. This review does not have to be positive. The review should be approximately a paragraph in length and should include points of interest, special events, etc. This review is how you will be demonstrating to me that you read the book; therefore, make sure you include sufficient evidence.

Have fun with this. Be creative. Even if your book takes place on a planet covered with lava and bumpy rocks, try to make it sound fantastic and exotic.