

6-8 Grade Book Report Overview

What to read?

Each month you will choose a book that you have not read yet. All books must be approved by Miss Tessmer by the end of the first week of every month.

Monthly Topics

September: Your choice
October: Adventure or fantasy
November: Historical nonfiction
January: Mystery
February: Your choice
March: Biography
April: Your choice
May: Poetry

What to do?

After you have chosen your novel, pick one of the following and meet with Miss Tessmer to discuss its details along with your book choice. Each option may be used only once.

Types of Book Reports

Conference with Miss Tessmer

You and I will meet and talk about your book. Your answers to my questions should be thorough and specific to your novel. Bring your book with you.

Written Report

This document will consist of the following parts: setting, characters, plot, conflict, and theme. Each part will be explained with details from your novel.

Letter to the main character:

Some suggestions of topics you may include are your thoughts and feelings about the decisions he/she made during the story, questions, how can you relate to the character, why you choose that character to write to, etc. This project will be written in letter format.

Timeline (best for Historical Nonfiction):

Your timeline will consist of the dated events of your novel. Each event will be accompanied by descriptive sentences.

Design a new cover for the book:

On the front of an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper, draw a new cover for your novel. On the back type a summary of the book.

Interview the main character:

The interview should consist of factual and deep-thinking questions. Your project should contain both the questions and how the character would answer each one.

Write a different ending to the book:

Your document will go into detail about how the main character made a different choice near the end of the novel and explain how it affected him/her and the plot.

Make a game:

Write down what the problems are for each chapter and what good things happened to solve the problem (positive and negative things that happened). This is then put in a game board format.

Write a song about the book:

This one could go many different ways, but a suggestion would be to choose a hymn and change the text to summarize your novel. The meter/syllables should stay the same.

Character Web:

With the character's name in the middle, think of characteristics or adjectives that describe him or her with quotes and a page number coming from the descriptors.

****If you have another idea that you would like to do, present it to Miss Tessmer.****

How will it be graded?

I will use the following acronym for grading your book reports:

D.O.N.E. - Did you do it on time?

D - Directions - Did you follow the directions?

O - Original - How did you make it your own?

N - Neat - Is it eye-appealing?

E - Effort - Is it obvious you put a great deal of effort into your project?

Total points: 50

When will book reports be due?

Book reports will be due the last school day of each month.

Example: September's book report is due September 27.

If at any time you have questions about your novel or project, please ask Miss Tessmer!