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December Book Project

Throughout the month of December, you will be responsible reading and analyzing a book of your choice. If you have already started a book in November but are less than halfway through, you may use that book for this project. ☺ If you have questions about book selection, please see your language arts teacher. Your December book project will be due **Friday, December 20, 2019**.

For your book project, you will be responsible for choosing one activity per column (choice sheet on back). As such, you will need to complete **THREE** activities in total. Be sure to read each activity's description carefully. For each activity, make sure that **ALL** necessary components are completed. For example, if you are completing Choice #3 in the 'Random' column, the Instagram feed, the required components are: Six pictures (all of which are symbols that directly relate to the story), quotes for each picture that support why the symbol was chosen, and a character bio.

Record your December book project choices and the components that must be included for each:

Column	Activity	Required Components
'Random' Column		
'Apply/Analyze' Column		
'Design' Column		

Rubric

Book Project Component	Points
'Random' Column Activity	/20
'Apply/Analyze' Column Activity	/20
'Design' Column Activity	/20
Quotes are properly formatted using MLA format	/5
Grammar & mechanics	/5
Book project demonstrates high quality of work (not rushed, indicative of students' abilities, etc.)	/10
Book project was completed using class time wisely	/5
TOTAL	/85

December Book Project Choice Board

	Random	Analyze	Design
1	Create a crossword puzzle with at least 20 clues for the chapters you have read so far. The answers could be characters, the setting, vocabulary, etc. Complete the crossword puzzle with your answers. You may not include more than three of the same category (i.e. no more than three characters).	Pretend you are a character in the novel. Write a diary entry about what’s going on in your life and how you feel. Include at least three quotes from the story that explain or support your diary entry.	Design a map that depicts the setting of the novel. Include at least three quotes from the text that prove your drawing is accurate.
2	Make a “Top Ten Reasons for Reading this Book” list. For each reason, you must include justification. For example, if you say, “humor,” then include a funny quote and explain why that demonstrates humor. (If you disliked the novel, create a “Top Ten Reasons for NOT Reading this Book” list!)	Pretend you are a character in the novel and you are writing to a newspaper column asking for help with a problem you are facing in the story. Explain the problem in detail, including at least one quote from the text. Then, write a response to the character, offering advice in solving the problem.	Design a Found Poem. Choose a few pages from the novel that you found to be important or interesting. Using only those pages, write down any words/phrases that you thought were powerful, had strong imagery, or showed the importance of the chapter. Arrange the words into your own poem. Underneath the poem, explain why the poem is important or relevant to the novel.
3	Create an Instagram feed for one of the characters in your novel using six pictures. All of your pictures should be symbols that directly relate to the story. Underneath each picture, provide a quote from the text that supports why you drew that specific symbol. Don’t forget the character’s name and a brief bio for them!	Choose a character from the novel and draw a large shape that represents that particular character (i.e. a spider’s web representing Charlotte from <i>Charlotte’s Web</i>). Fill the shape with 10 words, phrases, and quotes from the text that describe that character. Underneath your drawing, choose three words/phrases and explain why they represent your character.	Design a new cover for the novel. Make it visually appealing using color and an interesting font. On the back, include a summary of the novel as well as “reviews” praising the novel. Observe other novel covers and backs to see what should be included in your drawing.
4	Create a high school or college application from the perspective of a character in your story. Include what school it is they are applying to. Use information from the text, but infer/create the rest. Include the character’s name, age, and any background information you think is important.	Transfer one of the characters in the novel to a completely new setting. You choose the setting (Boston during the American Revolution, etc.), and then explain why or why not that character would thrive in this new setting. Use at least one quote from the text to justify your reasoning.	Create a character’s room. Choose a character from the novel and design a living room, bedroom, or kitchen that shows that character’s personality. Underneath your drawing, include a quote and an explanation why you included each of these particular items to represent the character.