

Independent Novel Study

Over the next 2-3 weeks, you will be responsible for completing an independent novel study. Class time will be given to work on some aspects of this project; however, some of the reading may have to be done at home depending on a variety of factors. **Using class time efficiently will help ensure that you do not have homework!**

Part One: Novel Selection

Select a novel appropriate for your grade and reading level. Read the first chapter to be sure it is a novel that appeals to you. **Once you have chosen your book, let your teacher know the title and author.** Read the novel!

Part Two: Vocabulary

As you read your novel, make a list of words that you come across that are unfamiliar to you. When you have finished reading the novel, choose one of the following activities.

1. Create a Crossword puzzle of at least 15 words from your novel. Provide a clue for each word and the answer key. (look online for a tool to help you do this!)
2. Select at least 15 words from your novel that seem overused or boring and create a Thesaurus. Create a Thesaurus by rewriting the sentence from the book in which the word was found with a better one.
3. Identify at least 15 interesting words from your novel and tell why you think each one is interesting. Write the sentence the word is found in to provide some context. Explain why you think the author chose that word.

Part Three: Writing

About halfway through your novel, pause your reading to complete **one** of the following tasks.

1. Write a letter to a friend describing this book that you are going to send to them and why they would like it.
2. Write a eulogy for one character in your book.
3. Write a newspaper article describing an exciting event in your book.
4. Write three diary entries for your favourite character.
5. Write an event or scene from a different character's point of view.

Part Four: Character

When you are done reading your novel, choose **one** of the following...

1. Make a timeline of the events in the life of the main character.
2. Make up five interview questions (with answers) for the main character
3. For a film about your book, which actor / actress would you recommend for the leading role? Explain, in detail, why.
4. Explain at least three ways the author tells you about the main character. Find these quotes in your novel and record them.

Part Five: Creative

When you are done reading your novel, choose **one** of the following...

1. Script and record a podcast that reviews the book. Aim for 2-3 minutes in length and be sure to summarize the plot (without giving away the ending!) and share what you liked and didn't like about it.
2. Recreate a scene from your novel and film it. This can be done by acting, stop motion, flipbook animation, etc... lots of options!
3. Design a new cover for your book.
4. Draw a comic strip of your book.
5. Create a poster for the novel.

Organize your notes here:

Vocabulary Words (with page numbers)	Description of Characters (with page numbers)	Plot / Sequence of Events (with page numbers)

Anticipated Timeline:

Wednesday, May 4 - Book chosen

Wednesday, May 11 - Book halfway read; work period for *Part Three: Writing*

Wednesday, May 18 - Book finished; work period for *Part Four: Character*

Thursday, May 19 - Work period for *Part Five: Creative / Part Two: Vocabulary*

Thursday, May 19 - Project due

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