

English 8
In Class Novel Study Assignment

DUE DATE: _____

You will be responsible for completing FIVE of the following tasks throughout the In-Class Novel Study.

Numbers 1 & 2 on the list are MANDATORY which means everyone must complete them. The remaining three items you may choose from the rest of the list. Each Item is worth 20 points with a breakdown of what should be included in each.

MANITORY ITEMS:

1. **Letter to a character:** You are to write a letter to a character of the novel. In this letter you are to include a discussion of the story along with any compliments, criticisms or suggestions of what they did. (minimum 250 words)
 - Proper Letter Format 5 points
 - Compliments/criticisms/suggestions 5 points
 - Discussion of Story/Events 5 points
 - Spelling/ grammar/ punctuation 5 points

2. **Time Chart:** You are to create a time chart of the main events in the novel. This may be done as chapter by chapter or every few chapters. There must be a minimum of 10 events represented. Marks are given for creativity and neatness.
 - Minimum 10 events 10 points
 - Creativity 5 points
 - Neatness/Spelling/etc. 5 points

CHOICE ITEMS (Complete Any THREE):

3. **Public Service Announcement Video or Poster:** Create a public service announcement about an issue that arises in the novel (could be about safety, health, relationships, etc.)
 - Follows the 5 Information guidelines for a PSA (Page 331 of text) 20 points

4. **Recreate a Scene From the novel in the form of a video:** Create a script and act out a scene from the novel (5 minutes in length). Can include you and friends.
 - Submission of script along with video 10 points
 - Video follows storyline of novel 5 points
 - Creativity/Ingenuity 5 points

5. **Like/Dislike:** write a short, comparative essay about what you liked and disliked about the novel. (minimum 500 words)
 - Format/Page Length 3 points
 - Paragraph Structure 2 points
 - Logical argument/Support 10 points
 - Grammar/spelling/punctuation 5 points

6. **Comic Strip:** Create a 6-8 frame comic strip which illustrates a scene from the novel (use 11 x 17 paper)
 - Correct # of frames and in colour 5 points
 - attention to detail/neatness 4 points
 - Frames in logical sequence 4 points
 - dialogue/frame descriptions 5 points
 - Correct size paper 2 points

- 7. Portrait of Favorite Character (With Expository Paragraph):** Create an image of your character as if they were posing for a school photo. Be sure to use details from the novel to help create your portrait. (8.5 x 11)
- Use of colour/ neatness 5 points
 - attention to detail 5 points
 - Grammar/spelling/punctuation 2 points
 - structure 4 points
 - Logical explanation 4 points
- 8. Mini-Diary:** Create a diary of one of the main characters which follows their experiences through the novel at five different points.
- Minimum of five entries
 - Grammar/spelling/punctuation 5 points
 - Relation to story line 10 points
 - Creativity of Diary itself 5 points
- 9. Postage Stamp/Coin:** Design a stamp or coin to commemorate the overall theme of the novel (8.5 x 11)
- Proper paper size 3 points
 - Details (value/country/novel title) 10 points
 - Colour/neatness 3 points
 - link to story/character 4 points
- 10. Letter to Movie Studio:** Imagine you are going to try and convince a major movie studio to turn the novel into a full length film. Write a letter to the studio president to make your arguments. (minimum 250 words)
- Why book would make a good film 5 points
 - setting/casting suggestions 5 points
 - Live or animated? Why? 5 points
 - letter format 5 points
- 11. Wanted Poster:** Create a wild western style wanted poster of one of the characters as if they had committed a crime. (8.5 x 11)
- Drawing of character 3 points
 - Physical Description 3 points
 - Characters misdeeds in a paragraph 5 points
 - Character background 6 points
 - Reward Offered 3 points
- 12. Wall Hanging:** Create a fabric or paper wall hanging which displays a major event from the novel. (Minimum size: 11 x 17)
- Creativity 5 points
 - Use of and variety of materials 10 points
 - Neatness and detail 5 points
- 13. Mini Scrapbook:** Create a scrapbook which could belong to one of the characters of the novel. The scrapbook would contain objects and words/statements that help to explain or record various parts of the story or the characters life. (minimum 5 pages)
- Creativity 10 points
 - Appropriate use of themes/images/symbols 5 points
 - Neatness and attention to detail 5 points