

English 9 Summer Reading Project

For the Summer Reading book you chose to read over the summer, assemble a project with the following components below:
(Keep in mind: Responses should be detailed. You are proving you have read the book! A few sentences will not be sufficient.)

Your Name, Book Title, and Author

- 1) Explain the title of the book. Does it fit the book? Why or why not? (10 pts.)
- 2) What is the point of view of the book? How did the author use this particular point of view to his/her advantage when writing the story? (10 pts.)
REMINDER: The point of view of the book is NOT the message of the book. Point of view is the standpoint from which the story is told: first-person, second-person, third-person omniscient, third-person limited, etc.
- 3) If I could be any character in my chosen book, I would be _____ because... (10 pts.)
- 4) If you could change one thing about the book, what would you change and why? (10 pts.)
- 5) What is one major theme or symbol in the book? Explain its significance to the book and your life. (10 pts.)
REMINDER: A theme of a book is the central message of a work of literature and is often expressed as a general statement about life. Themes are expressed in complete sentences. For example, the topic of a work might be love; the theme would be what the write says about love, that it is painful or wonderful or both. A symbol in a book is any object, person, place, or experience that exists on a literal level but also represents, or stands for, something else, usually something abstract.
- 6) Find information about the author of your book.* What in his/her past influenced the writing of this book? What else has he/she written that you would be interested in reading and why? (10 pts.)
- 7) Make a visual representation of the setting of the book. You may choose to draw, paint or construct the setting in the form of a diorama. (15 pts.)
REMINDER: The setting of a book is the time and place in which the events of a literary work occur. A diorama is a three-dimensional miniature model, often constructed in a shoebox.
- 8) Complete the following book-specific research for the selection you chose to read this summer.* (25 pts.)
 - Speak- Melinda demonstrates many of the symptoms of clinical depression. What behaviors does she have that would cause concern if you were her friend or teacher? What would you do to help her? Find research about this topic and create a pamphlet that you could give to people in her same situation.
 - Heat- Throughout the novel Michael must make several tough decisions about how to fulfill his dream of playing baseball. However immigration laws and the absence of parents seem to stand in his way. Research the laws for immigrating to our country. What are some interesting restrictions that you found about the rights of immigrants? Do you agree or disagree with these rules? Use examples to back up your arguments.
 - The Wave- Ben Ross wants his students to have a better understanding of how the German people could have allowed Hitler to murder and maim millions of people. Therefore, he set up an experiment with his students to study mind control. Research propaganda techniques and mind control and explain which type(s) and how effective Ross's experiment was with his students. Give examples from the novel. Also, research whether another leader(s) in history has ever been able to control and influence the actions of his subjects. Give examples from both history and the book to back up your arguments.

***Note: You must include sources (places you got your information) for your research in #8 as well as #6. Failure to do so will result in 0 points for that section.**

REMINDER: Sources are **not** search engines (Yahoo!, Google, Ask.com, etc.). If your information is found on the Internet, you must give the exact web address of your source.

For example, information can be found at <http://www.usma.edu/about.asp> about the West Point Military Academy. If I choose to use information from that page for my project, I must include <http://www.usma.edu/about.asp> as one of my sources, **not** ask.com, which is the search engine I used to find that webpage.