

Crittenden Middle School

Summer Reading Project 2016-2017

Crittenden students, entering the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades will read at least one book over the summer. Each student is responsible for completing **ONE** activity from the project board. Projects should be middle school presentation quality! Resources/examples are hyperlinked in the text. This assignment will be due during the first week of school and should be completed *before* the start of the 2016-17 school year!

<p style="text-align: center;">Social Media</p> <p>Create a “Fakebook” profile page for one of the main characters in your novel. Or, you may create a text conversation, related to the plot, between two or more characters from your novel. Use the SMS Text Generator, or iFakeText to create this dialogue between characters.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dear Diary</p> <p>Pretend to be one of the main characters from your novel and write a diary entry from their point of view. Explain how this character is thinking/feeling about a pivotal event, major decision, etc. Reflect on what is happening as well as how the character may be changed. Can be completed digitally.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Book Trailer</p> <p>Prepare a video trailer for your chosen novel. The trailer should be 2-4 minutes long, and a positive presentation of the subject. The trailer must contain original footage, or copyright free media: pictures & music. Try Animoto!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ABC Book</p> <p>For each letter of the alphabet, match up something from the story that begins with that letter, the letters “UVW” and “XYZ” are grouped together. You may use the characters’ names, setting elements, events in the story, etc. After matching each letter with a word dealing with the story, write a brief sentence about that word to explain how it relates to the story. This may be written / typed / crafted or completed digitally.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Author Inquiry</p> <p>Write a letter to the author of your chosen novel. Explain what you liked and disliked, ask any questions that you have about the story/characters, explain what you would have changed if you were the author, and mention at least one thing that you will always remember about this novel and why. (Should be written in letter format!) Put the letter in an envelope and decorate it so it represents the novel.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Poetry Corner</p> <p>Write a poem that connects to your novel. Your poem should focus on some aspect of plot, characters, setting, or theme. The poem may be written from the perspective of one of the novel’s characters. Use figurative language and imagery to make your poem come alive!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Artist Alley</p> <p>Create a cartoon / story board / picture book (minimum of 6 panels) that is based on your novel. It may focus on a pivotal series of events or summarize the entire novel in chronological order. This activity may be hand drawn, or created digitally. Additional digital resource: here.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alternate Timeline</p> <p>Create an alternate timeline...change a major event/decision in the novel and explain how this change would have affected the characters and the plot. Would this have been a better direction for the novel to take? Why/Why not? This activity can be written, completed on a graphic organizer, or digitally: here and here!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Character Interview</p> <p>Interview a major character from your chosen novel. This can be done in the form of a written transcript, podcast, radio, or you can film a tv interview. The interview should have three parts: 1-an introduction of the character and novel, 2-a minimum of ten questions & answers which will explore the character’s personality & decisions, and 3-a conclusion.</p>

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Check out the CMS homepage (<http://cms.nn.k12.va.us/>) for more info, links, and tips!

Hyperlinks do not represent the only resource options for these projects. Be creative!