

INDEPENDENT READING PROJECTS

During the summer you read a selection from the list provided and now it is time to show what you learned. Choose **ONE** project.

You will be given a minor assessment grade for your Language Arts class. See the rubric on the back for grading guidelines.



Art Log: Make an artistic log of each chapter of the book. Divide a paper into two sections. Each section will be one chapter. Illustrate each chapter symbolically or literally. If the chapters have titles, write the title at the bottom of each section. You should have all chapters represented in the art log.



Letter to character: Write a letter (3-paragraph minimum) to the main character of your book asking questions, protesting a situation, and/or making a complaint and/or a suggestion. This must be done in the correct letter format.

Travel brochure – Make a travel brochure advertising the setting, the characters, and the plot of the book. Each “flap” of the brochure should represent the parts of the novel.



Diary: Write a diary that one of the story's main characters might have kept before, during, or after the book's events. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary. You must have at least 5 page-long diary entries, one page long each.

Timeline - Create a time-line of important events from the book. You must include at least ten events and illustrations for each event. Be able to defend why you chose these events as the most significant in the story.



Write a Song - Convert the events of the story into a ballad or a song. Write the lyrics and adapt the words to a well-known melody (like “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”). Retell the story through your lyrics. Make sure you state what melody you used when writing your lyrics. You should have at least 20 lines to your song.