

Middle School Pre-AP Summer Reading Project

CISD 2017-18

All students who will be enrolled in Pre-AP ELAR for grades 6, 7, and 8 will be expected to demonstrate understanding of the reading they have completed. Students may choose from one of the listed projects. Students will receive an assignment grade for the work they complete over their chosen book within the first six weeks of school. If you have any questions, please contact the home campus.

Directions:

Choose one of the project options to express your understanding of the summer reading novel. Choose a project that will match your interests and abilities. Make sure to follow all of the directions and review the attached rubric.

1. Movie Poster: Create a movie poster to go with the book. You can make a real poster (on poster board) or use software like Photoshop, Publisher, PowerPoint, Glogster.com, etc. Select current actors and actresses to play major characters and include a tagline on the poster. In a separate word document, explain your choices (why you picked those particular actors and actresses for the parts, why you used certain pictures/visuals, colors, fonts, words, etc.). **Explanation should be at least 250 words.**

2. Book Jacket: Create a new book jacket for the novel. How would you tell people what the book is about and persuade them to pick it up and read it? Think about what visuals/quotes would be attention grabbing and give the viewer a sense of what the book is about without giving it away. Your book jacket needs: The book title, author, and cover art on the front and “hook” on the back of the book that gives a little information about novel, at least two quotes from the story, and a little blurb/quote from yourself recommending the book, like: “Poignant, funny, and beautifully written—I couldn’t put it down!” **Back cover should have at least 250 words total.** You can use software like Photoshop, Publisher, or an online tool.

3. Interview: Draft a mock interview with one of the characters. Pretend you are the host of talk show. Create a list of at least ten questions that you could ask your “guest,” along with the character’s responses. The questions should pertain to the events in the story, but may also search to reveal unknown secrets about the person (which should keep in line with the integrity of the character). **Dialogue should be at least 500 words long.**

4. Comic Strip: Create a comic strip or a storyboard for the events/themes in the novel. Be sure that the illustrations explain the story clearly and represent the themes and lessons in the novel. Do not include every detail-- only those that are most important and necessary to understand the actions/themes. The comic strip/storyboard should have at least 10-15 frames. You can draw it yourself or use an online tool like toondoo.com. If you draw it yourself, you will not be judged on your artistic talent, only on your apparent effort. **Include an explanation of why you chose to represent the novel how you did (250 words or more).**

5. Book Trailer: Create a book trailer (like a movie trailer) to advertise your book. It should be at least 1 minute long. Remember—it’s a trailer—you’re trying to get the audience to go out and buy/read the book—don’t give away the ending! You can use software like Windows Movie Maker or Animoto.com to create the trailer. It should include audio/music/sounds, visuals, and words, just like any movie trailer you see on TV. Explain how/why you created your trailer the way you did. **Explanation should be at least 250 words long.**

6. Screenplay: Turn the novel into a short play. Write the script complete with stage directions and recommend actors and actresses to play each main part, listed on the cast list. If you are unfamiliar with the format of a script, look up examples online you model yours off of. **This assignment should be at least 500 words.**

Book Choices:

6th- *Island of the Blue Dolphins* OR *Maniac Magee*

7th- *The False Prince* OR *Cinder*

8th- *Fahrenheit 451* OR *A Wrinkle in Time*

Pre-AP Summer Reading Project Rubric

Name:

Book Title:

Selected Project:

Points	30	27	24	20
Requirements	Project goes above and beyond the minimum requirements	Project meets the minimum requirements	Project meets most of the minimum requirements	Project does not meet most of the minimum requirements
Points	10	8	7	5
Creativity and Effort	Project demonstrates exceptional creativity and effort from the student	Project demonstrates creativity and effort from the student	Project lacks some creativity and effort	Project does not demonstrate creativity and effort from the student
Points	10	8	7	5
Understanding of the Novel	Project demonstrates complete understanding of the novel and literary elements associated with the selected project	Project demonstrates strong understanding of the novel and literary elements associated with the selected project	Project lacks understanding of the novel and literary elements associated with the selected project	Project demonstrates little to no understanding of the novel and literary elements associated with the selected project

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