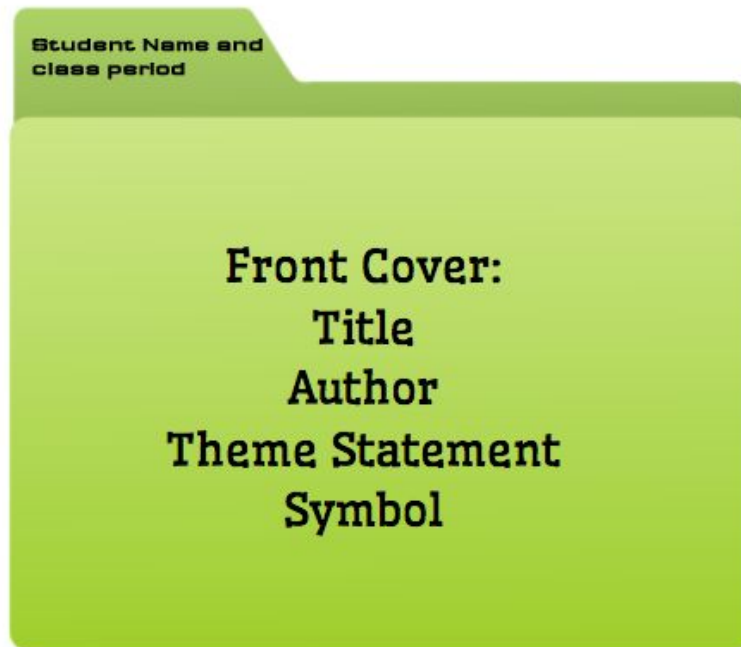


Summer Novel Project



Inside of Folder: Required Elements

- Text to Self
- Text to Text
- Text to World

Inside of Folder: Student Choice-two items

- Found Poem
- Social Worker's Report
- Music Playlist
- Book Recommendations
- Gift and Greeting Card
- Create a Childhood for a Character

Back of Folder: Required Elements

Choose three significant quotes that would pique the reader's interest *with citations*.

Inside of Folder:

These required elements must be in paragraph form.

Text to Self: Identify how this novel relates to YOUR life, either currently or in your past. Can you identify with one of the characters? Has anything similar happened to you before? Have you learned anything new that could apply to your life or be useful one day?

Text to Text: Compare and contrast this novel with other texts you've read. How does this book compare to other novels in this genre, or by this author? Does it remind you of another book, character, plot, or setting? Does it connect to a nonfiction book, poem, or other text in an interesting way?

Text to World: Connect the novel, plot, character(s), setting, or theme with the real world. Does it teach you something valuable about the past? Does it relate to a modern day issue? Does it give the author's perspective on a controversy? Does it teach a lesson about what it means to be human?

Student Choice: Choose two items to add to the inside of the folder.

1. Found Poem: Select a chapter from the book that you consider powerful or interesting. Choose a moment from the chapter and represent a character's point of view of the event/situation depicted in the chapter's events. Select words, lines, and phrases that you think project strong images and shows the impact that chapter makes on a character in the novel. Arrange the words into a poem of at least 20 lines. Create a title that is symbolic of the big ideas that emerge from the chapter. Provide a brief statement providing context for why you chose this particular character's point of view.

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2. Social worker's report: If the events in the novel merit it, write up a report as a social worker would on the conditions in the home and whether or not it's a good environment for a child. For example, if a social worker went to the McNabs' house in Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli (1990, Little, Brown) how would she describe the home and parenting style of Mr. McNab? What would her recommendations be?
3. Music playlist: After reading a novel, figure out how you would divide up the book into four sections. Then select a piece of music that you think captures the feel or tone of each section. Provide the lyrics and explain why you feel each piece of music fits the section of the novel.
4. Book recommendations: Select a character from the novel. Consider the insight you gained into their personality from the author's development of that character. Choose three books this character would possibly choose to read. State the title and author of each book and give a brief summary statement for each book. Finally, explain what you hope your character would gain from reading the book. Be sure to prominently display the character's name on this section of the folder.
5. Buy a gift and create a greeting card: Which character in the novel would you buy the perfect gift? Choose an event or a situation in the novel that you could buy a gift for a character. Explain the gift stating the reason behind buying it and create the perfect greeting card to accompany it. The card should reflect the occasion i.e. a birthday, a graduation, a wedding, etc.
6. Create a childhood for a character: If your main character is an adult, try to figure out what he or she would have been like as a child. Write the story of his or her childhood in such a way that shows why he or she is the way he or she is in the novel.

Back of Folder:

Choose three significant quotes that will pique the reader's interest. Include the citation for each quote.

Grading: This project is worth two quiz grades.

Cover: Title, Author, Symbol	10 pts.
Theme Statement	10 pts.
Text to Self	10 pts.
Text to Text	10 pts.
Text to World	10 pts.
Student Choice	10 pts.
Student Choice	10 pts.
Significant Quote 1	10 pts.
Significant Quote 2	10 pts.
Significant Quote 3	10 pts.

Total possible points: 100 pts.