

## BOOK REPORT ASSIGNMENT

### Honors English 9

In addition to the regular literature reading assignments, you will need to turn in one book report per semester. The book report is due towards the end of the semester. (You must be completely done with your book!) It is important that you plan your reading ahead of time and meet the due date for the book report. Late work will not be accepted for this assignment! The outline for the Semester 1 and Semester 2 Book Report Assignments are below.

1. The Semester 1 Book Report is due on TUESDAY, December 7th. Choose one of the options from either section A or section B.
2. The Semester 2 Book Report must be chosen from the section that you did NOT do your Semester 1 Book Report from. Due date for this book report will be given once Semester 2 begins.
3. Remember that you may choose your Semester 2 outside reading book in consultation with your teacher, and are not limited to the published outside reading list. Be sure to choose school and parent acceptable material and clear your choice with Ms. Mitchell.

SECTION A:

Option (1) Author Biography: A 250-500 words report on the author's life, literary works (greatest or worst), and the major influences on author's writing. This will require secondary sources, so be sure to cite correctly.

Option (2) Character Interview: Conduct an interview with one of the characters of the book. You must formulate questions as the interviewer and answer the questions as though you are the character. The questions must be relevant to the story and must be questions concerning *why* the character has acted the way s/he have. Do not ask irrelevant questions like, "What is your favorite color?" as these types of questions do nothing to reveal the character's qualities. You must ask and answer at least eight relevant and insightful questions. Answers should be complete sentences and thoughts.

Option (3) Character's Journal: Act as if you are one of the characters from the book and write 3 journal entries of at least 75 words each. The journal entries should detail three major events that have affected your character. Include your character's reaction. Be detailed in describing the events and your character's thoughts, feelings, and questions. Write in the first person point of view.

SECTION B:

Option (1) Character Collage: Look through magazines/newspapers/etc. and find pictures/images/etc. that you can use to represent three different characters in the book you are reading. On three separate pieces of construction paper or poster board, create a collage in which you depict the characters' prominent features and attributes. Include a one-paragraph caption for each collage in which you explain how it resembles or fits the character and include a quote from the novel that supports your choices.

Option (2) Movie Poster: Assume the book you are reading is being made into a major motion picture and you have been hired to design a poster to advertise the new movie. You must include the title and author; and depict the important, attention-getting attributes of the main character(s), setting and/or plot. You also need to include a catchy line, caption or phrase that suggests one of the book's themes. Your movie advertisement should be presented on thick poster board. Be creative with your design!

Option (3) Symbols: Create a poster in which you depict five symbols of the book you are reading. You will need to design the symbols, draw them, and explain in two to three sentences their significance to the book. You might want to think about how the author used these symbols to thicken the plot, reveal certain aspects of the characters, develop theme, or stir reader's imagination.