

Reading Project

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Project Description- After my 8th graders finished reading their independent reading book, they created a project for the novel they read.

The goals of the project were for students to identify and analyze the elements of the book. The project asked students to describe the most important setting in the novel, compare and contrast the protagonist and antagonist, identify and describe the conflict, provide a summary of five major events, state the theme along with textual evidence, identify a symbol, write an opinion and to put themselves in the shoes of the protagonist.

In previous years, this project was done as a poster.

Because of the grant, I have ten laptops in the classroom.

My students used their google docs to create presentations.

Prior to getting on the computer, students completed a rough draft of what each slide would say.

[Project Handout](#)

Some students wanted to work on Microsoft PowerPoint but encountered problems. They e-mailed the assignment to themselves but were unable to work on the presentation at home because their home computer didn't have Microsoft PowerPoint. For that reason I encouraged them to use their google docs account.

The following are some samples of student projects:

[Grisel's Project](#)

[Karen's Project](#)

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This project is to be done for the last book you've finished. The purpose of this project is show that you have understood the basic elements of fiction. The following things need to be present in your project. You made add other elements to your project, but every project should have at least the following information. Your project can be done as a poster or as a power point presentation.

DUE DATE:

- Title of novel (correctly punctuated) _____/3pts.
- Author of your novel (correctly spelled) _____/3pts.
- Setting (the most important setting) drawn and described using textual evidence _____/10pts.
- Protagonist/Antagonist (drawn) If the antagonist and the protagonist are both human, compare/contrast them. Otherwise, describe each one. _____/10pts.
- Conflict (Internal/External) Write a paragraph describing type of conflict. _____/10pts.
- 5 major events in the novel
Include why the event is important to the plot. _____/12pts.
- Theme of the novel (4 citations used as textual evidence to prove the theme) _____/12pts.
- Symbol that represents the theme _____/5pts.
- 1-2 paragraphs on your opinion on the novel. _____/10pts.
- Describe the most important decision the character made, critique the character's decision. Would you have done the same? Why or why not? _____/15pts.