

# 7th Grade Book Projects

**1. Story Elements (PowerPoint):** Use a power point presentation to: explain the setting, plot, themes, and main ideas of the book. Use a couple of slides to introduce the reader to the main characters in the book. Please include a title slide that includes: author, title, and genre, and an ending slide with your name, date, section and a paragraph telling the reader if you liked the book or not and why. (Minimum 8 slides)

**2. Author Research: (PowerPoint or find a video on YouTube)**

a) Choose an author whom you have read and enjoyed. Research your author to find out details of his/her life:

- where and how he/she grew up
- his/her personal relationships
- his/her works
- how his/her work has generally been received
- any other area of his/her life which interests you
- inspiration for the book

b) Develop an FAQ (frequently asked questions) list about your author. What should be obvious to fans of this author? What pieces of trivia would fans enjoy knowing about this author? Remember, your FAQ list should include answers to what you believe may be the most common questions, curiosities, and confusions about your author.

**3. Interview a character from your book using Audacity. (Performance)** Write at least ten questions that will give the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about his/her role in the story. Make sure to write the answer to the questions so whoever is role-playing with you knows how to answer. Please include an introduction of the character, the book they come from and the genre of the book. As always, be creative by adding in appropriate music, sounds, costumes, and effects.

**4. Dramatize a Scene:** If you are reading the same book as one or more others are reading, dramatize a scene from the book. Write a script and have several rehearsals before presenting it. The presentation can be published with Audacity or taping and editing with Movie Maker. *Please make sure* to include an introduction to the book, characters, and genre. Also include at the end: your name, date, section, and a rating of the book. Did you like or dislike the book and why?

**5. Create a Travel Brochure: (PowerPoint, Poster, or Video)** If the story of your book takes place in another country, prepare a travel brochure using pictures you have found or drawn. Include details of where to visit while, highlights of where your character may have eaten, traveled to, slept, and went to for entertainment or where they went to for peace and quiet. The brochure must include the title, author, genre, your name, date, section and a rating of the book on the last page. Use columns in word, or publisher to create the brochure.

**6. Create a newspaper for your book. (Electronic or Paper Issue)** Summarize the plot in

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one article; cover the weather in another, do a feature story on one of the more interesting characters in another. Include an editorial and a collection of ads that would be pertinent to the story. Please use the columns or a table to create the newspaper. Using word, create three columns and use text boxes to create your stories. Please include your name, date, section, and author, title, and genre of the book you read.

7. Do a collage/poster showing pictures or 3-d items that related to the book, and then write a brief paragraph beside each one to show its significance. The collage must have at least ten pictures and paragraphs. Please include your name, date, and author, title, and genre of the book you read.

8. Create a Web Page. (Internet) **Create a web page to give all the important information about your book, such as information about the author, brief summary, characters, interesting quotes/parts of the book, setting, conflict. Make sure to illustrate it with lots of visual help.** Sites to consider: <http://www.make-a-web-site.com/>

<http://www.4creatingawebsite.com/>

<http://www.smplanet.com/webpage/webpage.html>

9. Timeline/ Flowchart: **Use software programs like Mindomo (or the web sites suggested below) to create a time line** of all the events in the book. Please include author, title, and genre of the book. Must have at least ten (10) events. OR. **Make a flow chart of all the events in the book.** Use a software program like Mindomo or Word. Must have at least ten (10) important events.

[http://www.ourtimelines.com/create\\_tl\\_2c.html](http://www.ourtimelines.com/create_tl_2c.html)

<http://veerasundar.com/timelinr/>

<http://www.breezetreer.com/articles/flowchart-templates.htm>

<http://www.mindomo.com/>

10. Make a character tree (PowerPoint or Poster), where one side is event, symmetrical side is emotion or growth. Find a picture that could represent the character and place it somewhere in your report. Use quotes from the book to prove the event, emotion, or sign of growth. Quotes need to include page number from the book. Please include at least ten events. Please include the author, title, and genre of the book.

11. Make a Venn diagram (Poster or PowerPoint) on the ways you are like and unlike one of the characters in your story. Please include at least ten traits for each you and the character and explain why, in-depth.

12. Pretend that you are going to join the characters in the story. What things will you need to pack? Think carefully, for you will be there for a week, and there is no going back home to get something! Please include an explanation of why you need each item as it relates to the book (minimum 10 items). This report can be done with power point, word, or can be video taped.

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***Lucky # 13.*** Create your own book report. Create your own book report and get it pre-approved by the teacher.