Language Arts Book Report Projects

Each semester, you will be responsible for completing two book reports; you are expected to read four books this year. You are to select books that you are not familiar with, and that you don’t think anybody in your class has ever read or even heard of. Each book should be a grade-appropriate novel and contain at least 150 pages. Each project will be graded based on the amount of effort/time you invested in it, as judged by your teacher. You are expected to spend 2 to 4 hours on each report; they are to be completely finished and polished; they should represent your best work. Projects may not be turned in late without a note requesting extra time from your parent(s) – no other explanation is needed. If you are unable to purchase the materials for any of these projects, please request them from your teacher a few weeks before each due date. If you have questions email: sbloberg@valverde.edu, or visit: MrBlomberg.com.

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CD Booklet Book Report
For this book report project you will be creating an imaginary music band and their debut CD album based on the fictional book you read.

Sandwich/Burger Book Report
For this book report project you will either create a sandwich or burger based on the fictional book you read.

Pizza Book Report
For this book report you will be creating an imaginary pizza based on a biography or autobiography about a person that interests you.

First, you will need to create a cereal box that has eight pages. To do this, you need to cut two 5½ inch by 9½ inch pieces of paper. Fold each of these papers in half once and put them together like you are making a book. Use two staples to hold the pages together. You may want to use a real cereal box as a guide while doing this.

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Cereal Box Book Report

For this book report you will be creating an imaginary cereal based on a fictional book you have read.

First, you will need to get an empty cereal box and some construction paper. Cover the box with the construction paper.

Imagine that you are the author of the book you have just read and you are approached by a national cereal company that would like you to help them create a new cereal based on your story. You are to design the prototype of the new cereal. When you create your cereal box, be sure to "hide" facts from the story to prove you have actually read it.

You may want to include some of the following on your cereal box:

- Name the cereal after the name of the book, a main character, or something else inspired by the story.
- Include a slogan that is based on the book.
- Include a toy-prize that is inspired by the book.
- Write fun-facts about the story or its author.
- Show what the cereal is like. For example, if the protagonist in the story eats licorice, you might make the cereal licorice flavored and in a licorice shape.
- Include some quiz questions about the story.
- Include a fanciful ingredients list that inspired by the story.
- Include pictures (with or without captions) of events from the story.
- Include a puzzle with questions about the story.
- Create a maze that shows the setting of the story.
- Write the address of the cereal company. The street address and city can be inspired by the story.
- Be creative and add what you think would be both informative and interesting to your cereal box.
CD Booklet Book Report

For this book report project you will be creating an imaginary music band and their debut CD album based on the fictional book you have read.

First, you will need to create a CD booklet that has eight pages. To do this, you need to cut two 4¾ inch x 9½ inch pieces of paper. Fold each of these papers in half once and put them together like you are making a book. Use two staples to hold the pages together. You may want to use a real CD’s booklet as a guide while doing this.

Imagine that a group of young musicians have read the same book as you, and they are so inspired by it that they have decided to create a band and their first CD based on the story. Your job is to help them. When creating their CD’s booklet, be sure to include lots of information that proves you have a firm understanding of the story’s plot and characters.

Here is what you might include on the pages of the CD booklet:

**COVER:** Create a name for the music group and album based on something in the story. Design the cover and include this information.

**PICTURE OF THE BAND:** This is the back of the CD booklet. Create a picture of the band in one of the settings of the story you have read.

**INSPIRATION:** Describe why the band was inspired to make an album based on this story. This is a paragraph summary of the story.

**MEMBERS:** Make a list of members in the band and what instruments they play. Give each member of the band a nickname inspired by the story.

**SONGS:** Make a list of at least ten songs that will be on the album. Each song title should be inspired by something that happened in the story.

**LYRICS:** Choose one of the songs to be the first single released from the album. Write the lyrics of this song. This is basically a poem.

**PICTURE OF SINGLE:** Create a picture (or several pictures) to accompany the lyrics of the first single; be creative.

**MERCHANDISE:** On this page, create a list of band merchandise inspired by the story you have read. Include pictures, descriptions, and prices.
Burger or Sandwich Book Report

For this book report project you will either create a sandwich or burger based on the fictional book you read.

Burger Report
This cheeseburger reading activity is designed so that each layer of the cheeseburger is a layer of information about the book. The layers of this book report project include:
1. Top Bun: Title, Author, and Genre
2. Onion Layer: Main Characters
3. Lettuce Layer: Setting
4. Tomato Layer: Plot
5. Cheese Layer: Conclusion
7. Bottom Bun: Drawing of Favorite Part of the Book, Name, and Date
You may add additional "ingredients" if you wish.

Make sure you write and edit a draft first. Color all of the layers of your burger. Each section should be the size of a regular sheet of paper. The finished burger should be over two feet tall. You will need to glue the four sections of the burger together.

Sandwich Report
This sandwich book report project is divided into 7 writing sections:
1. Top Layer of Bread: Title, author, genre, student name, date, and illustration
2. Tomato: Setting
3. Onion: Characters
4. Lettuce: Problem
5. Cheese: Story Climax
6. Meat: Solution and Conclusion
7. Bottom Layer of Bread: My Favorite Part and Illustration
You may add additional "ingredients" if you wish.

Make sure you write and edit a draft first. Color all of the layers of your sandwich. Fasten the layers of your sandwich together using a prong, staple, or clip.
Pizza Book Report

For this book report you will be creating an imaginary pizza based on a biography or autobiography about a person that interests you.

First, you will need to get a new or used pizza box and some construction paper. On the outside-top of the box, you may want to include a title, slogan, quote, and/or pictures. On the inside-top of the box, you can put similar information. Next, make eight slices of paper pizza. On each slice, you will be writing about one aspect of the life of the person whose biography you have read.

Here is what you might include on each slice:

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<th>CHILDHOOD: Write about where this person grew up, or share an interesting story from their childhood.</th>
<th>EDUCATION: Write about where and what this person studied in school.</th>
<th>INFLUENCE: Write about the people who have influenced this individual or whom they have influenced.</th>
<th>FAMOUS QUOTES: List some of the better known things this person has said.</th>
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<td>ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Write about what it is that has made this person famous.</td>
<td>HUMOROUS EVENT: Write about something funny that has happened to this person.</td>
<td>OCCUPATION: Explain what it is that this person did for a living.</td>
<td>FUN FACTS: Make a list of interesting fact about this person's life.</td>
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<td>PICTURE: Draw or paste copied pictures of this person.</td>
<td>BIOGRAPHY REVIEW: Write a review of the biography you read.</td>
<td>Your Choice: If you have something else you would like to write, please do.</td>
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