

English Language Arts Make-Up & Extra Credit Assignments

If you miss an assignment due to an absence or any other reason, you can make up those lost points by completing some of the work listed below. If you can't figure out how to do the work you missed in class (or if you just don't have time), you can opt to do one or two of the assignments below in lieu of your missed classwork. The work listed below can also be done as extra credit. You can do up to 30 points of this work each semester. First Semester's make-up work is due by **Monday, December 4th** and second semester's work is due by **Monday, May 14th**.

Reading Nonfiction & Summaries (8 points possible)

Newspaper: Find a newspaper and select three articles to read. Write a paragraph summary for each of the three articles you read. You will receive a total of 2 points if all three articles have summaries. You may do this assignment twice.

Magazine: Find an age-appropriate magazine and select three articles to read. Write a paragraph summary for each of the three articles you read. You will receive a total of 2 points if all three articles have summaries. You may do this assignment twice.



Plot Charts (4 points possible)

Choose a short storybook meant to be read to a young child. Create a complete plot chart for your selected story. Include the *exposition*, *conflict*, *rising action*, *climax*, *falling action*, *resolution*, *theme* and *form of fiction* on the chart. You may do this assignment twice.

Outlines (4 points possible)

Read a short story and create an outline for it. You will receive 2 points for each outline you create. You may do this assignment twice.

Writing (6 points possible)

Choose any of the topics listed in the back of your textbook and create a small poster that will teach students about it. This assignment is worth 2 points. You may complete this assignment three times on three different topics for a total of 6 points.

Response to Literature Essay (4 points possible)

Choose any story we have read together this year and write a four-paragraph response to literature essay about it. You may complete this assignment twice, for a total of 4 points.

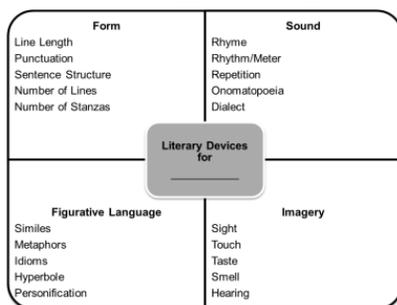
Vocabulary (4 points possible)

Go back to any of the stories we have read together in the *Collections* text. Create a crossword puzzle (with clues) using the *Critical Vocabulary* listed for the story. Do not make a word-search. You may do this assignment twice for a total of 4 points.

Book Reports (8 points possible)

You may complete the following book report projects for any chapter book read within the last year. You may use the same book for multiple reports.

- Create a sculpture of a character. Use any combination of soap, wood, clay, sticks, wire, stones, old toy pieces, or any other object. An explanation of how this character fits into the book should accompany the sculpture. You may do this assignment once for a total of 2 points.
- Interview a character from your book. 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. However you choose to present your interview is up to you. You may do this assignment once for a total of 2 points.
- Write a diary that one of the story's main characters might have kept before, during, or after the book's events. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary. You may do this assignment once for a total of 2 points.
- Imagine that you are the author of the book you have just read. Suddenly the book becomes a best seller. Write a letter to a movie producer trying to get that person interested in making your book into a movie. Explain why the story, characters, conflicts, etc., would make a good film. Suggest a filming location and the actors to play the various roles. You may do this assignment once for a total of 2 points.



Poetry Literary Term Squares (8 points possible)

Choose any poem and/or song (that is appropriate for school) and complete a poetry graphic organizer similar to the one on the left. If it is neat, well-organized, and mostly complete, you will receive 2 points for each one that you turn in. You may do a maximum of 4 poems.

Limerick Poetry Writing (2 points possible)

Use the internet to research what a limerick is on the Internet. Write three limericks of your own for a total of two points. You may do this assignment once.

Grammar Worksheet (8 points possible)

Pretend you are the teacher and create a short grammar worksheet that 6th graders could use to practice at home. You can get ideas for grammar topics from the Internet. You may do this assignment 4 times, each on a different type of grammar. You will get 2 points for each activity you create.

Biography (4 points possible)

Choose somebody you know well and write a one-page biography about their life. You may do this assignment twice for 2 points each.