

## 8th Grade Language Arts

### FICTION: Independent Novel Projects

1. Write and perform an original song that tells the story of the novel. You may have other class members involved in the music and/or singing.
  - ❑ Presentation (eye contact, appropriate behavior, voice, etc.) - 20
  - ❑ Typed copy of song, including a minimum of 4 verses and a chorus - 20
  - ❑ Costumes/props - 20
  - ❑ Creativity - 20 points
  - ❑ Overall presentation - 20
  
2. Create a PowerPoint presentation in which you explain certain literary elements of the book and present it to the class.
  - ❑ Presentation (eye contact, appropriate behavior, voice, etc.) – 20
  - ❑ Minimum 3 minutes - 20
  - ❑ Locate 10 different elements and identify examples from the book - 40
  - ❑ Creativity of slides/printout of PowerPoint - 20
  
3. Create an Animoto video to introduce and “sell” your novel to the class.
  - ❑ Presentation (eye contact, appropriate behavior, voice, etc.) – 20
  - ❑ Minimum of 3 minutes – 20
  - ❑ Information about basic plot, conflict, main characters, setting, and theme - 40
  - ❑ Creativity and visual appeal of video - 20
  - ❑ Note: I will provide login information for the Animoto website. You will not be creating your own account.
  
4. Write a book report and share it with the class. You will need to create a poster to go along with the report.
  - ❑ Presentation (eye contact, appropriate behavior, voice, etc.) - 20
  - ❑ Minimum 3 minutes - 20
  - ❑ Report follows requirement sheet and MLA guidelines – 30
  - ❑ Poster - 10
  - ❑ Overall presentation- 20
  
5. Create a model or diorama that explains/shows the most important scene in the novel. Explain how/why this is the most important scene and how it affects the book.
  - ❑ Presentation (eye contact, appropriate behavior, voice, etc.) - 20
  - ❑ Minimum 3 minutes - 20
  - ❑ Thorough explanation of why the scene is most important – 20
  - ❑ Creativity and effort in model/diorama - 20
  - ❑ Overall presentation - 20

**Your oral presentation must include the following components:**

- Begin with a brief **plot summary** of your novel. Inform your audience of key **characters** in the story. State what you believe to be the **theme** of the novel.
- Spend some time discussing **your opinion** of the book. How did you feel after you finished reading it? Would you recommend this book to other students? Remember that opinions must be supported with textual examples.
- End your presentation by **performing** (song), **reading** (book report), or **showing** (PPT, Animoto, model) your project. Explain key components of your project and describe the steps that you took to complete it.