

Quarterly Book Reports

For Literature class, you are expected to complete 4 book reports; one each quarter. They are due the Wednesday before the end of each quarter. However, you always have the option of completing them early. Keep this in mind if you are planning on going out for sports or the spring musical. Mark your calendars. It will be your responsibility to remember to do these. I will not keep reminding you of this project.

These reports will be a fairly large portion of your grade each quarter, so put your best effort into them. Below you will find ten different options for your book report. All written forms of the book reports must be typed and double spaced, 12 pt, Times New Roman or Arial font with standard 1 inch margins. You may use any of the following options during any quarter, but you may use each of them only once. In other words, you must have a different type of report each quarter. Hopefully you will find four that suit you and your skills. If you have ANY questions, please ask.

1. **Written Book Report:** This option is quite simple. I would like you to write a report about your book. It should be at least two pages. Give a synopsis of the book using colorful words to draw in an audience. Please do not give a personal opinion. Avoid first person narrative, using the word, "I."
2. **Poster Advertisement:** This option requires a variety of skills. First and foremost, you want to appeal to the consumer. Something about the poster should make it stand out either visually or vocally (words or headline). The poster should include a brief synopsis. The synopsis should be a couple of paragraphs long and should give the reader a positive idea about the book. Unlike the written report, this should include personal opinion; perhaps even more than one person's opinion. I expect it to be colorful and professional. Any pencil marks should be covered with marker or erased.
3. **Write a Test:** This option will probably require you to take notes as you read. You simply need to write a 3-page test for the book you read. Answers **MUST** be included. That means when you type up the test, you should print one copy with answers (the **KEY**) and one without. Your test needs to have more than one type of question. By that I mean you can't have a test with all multiple choice questions. Use a variety, such as T/F, multiple choice, and essay questions. Remember, it must be at least 3 pages.

4. **Oral Book Report:** This option requires you to tell the class about your book. You should have prepared what you will say ahead of time. You can write it, use notes, or go from memory. Your presentation should last at least three minutes. It is a good idea to time yourself at home to make sure that it is long enough. Afterwards, your audience should have a clear understanding of what the book is about and if you enjoyed it or not. Be prepared to answer their questions and mine. The only thing you'll need to turn in will be a 3x5 card with your name, and the title, author, and length of the book.
5. **Act the Story:** This option requires you to write a script of some sort. It will also require you to find classmates to help you out with your presentation. You have a few different options here. You can simply act out the story, you can act out just one section of the story, or you can stage a Talk Show with the main characters as guests. If you do a Talk Show format, you must still convey the story through the characters' discussion. Whichever you choose, there will be a script to turn in. Your presentation should run between 6 and 10 minutes.
6. **Dress the Part:** This option requires an oral report. But instead of reporting from the reader's perspective as you would with option 4, you must present the story from the main character's perspective. You must dress up as the main character and convey the story using that character's opinion. Relay the main events and other characters to the audience. Be prepared to answer questions. But again, you will be answering them from the character's point of view. You may use notes. The only thing you'll need to turn in will be a 3x5 card with your name, and the title, author, and length of the book.
7. **Video Report;** The skit, the oral report, and the dress-up book report are all conducive to being done as a video project. If you choose to make a movie, it must be turned in as VHS or DVD. Length is not a concern with this option. Commercials are fine.
8. **Write a Sequel:** What happens to the characters in the book after you finish reading the final page? Write a minimum three page continuum of your book.
9. **Comic Book:** Turn your book into comic book format. Please stay true to the story. Color, detail and creative graphics will be required for this project. Length of your comic book should be a minimum of 4 pages.

10. Board Game: Create a board game to illustrate and explain the book. Design your board using ideas, symbols, characters, places, and themes from the book. Please make sure it relates to your book in some manner.

Please note that the presentation of some of these reports will take up more class time than others. Once you decide what kind of report to do, please inform me. If you decide to Act the Story or do either of the oral reports and you do not tell me until the week the report is due, we may not have time in class to see your presentation. This will result in the loss of points for you. Therefore, you must take care to plan ahead and let me know that I need to set aside time for your report.