

Middle School English Independent Novel Projects

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OVERVIEW

Along with study of selected novels, you have the opportunity to enjoy and respond to other books and plays read independently. Over the year, independent novel projects will be assigned! You will receive a "Project Page" for each assignment that contains certain specific requirements and genres.
(classification of a book)



DIRECTIONS for SELECTING A NOVEL

- 1) FOR NOVEL CHOICES, see CLASSROOM Reading list posted on MMS Homework Site. Any books listed approved and you may begin immediately. Make sure it is a book you like and **you have not read before this summer**. For books not on the list, email me the title and author- sampad.kachuck@mountmadonna.org. During the school year, bring to me. My main criteria include appropriate grade level and subject material.
- 2) FILL OUT an INDEPENDENT NOVEL FORM. –Once MMS begins, forms can be found on Supply Table. List name, grade, Book Title and Author, First and last name. Do not worry about filling in PROJECT Description yet. THEN, return form to Class Grade folder on supply table. If you change novels, update form. You are **required** to submit a NOVEL FORM prior to the project deadline
- 3) FINISH Book before starting projects.

CREATING A PROJECT

Project Choices: For each project you will receive an individual project page of options that call upon your abilities at reflection, willingness to make personal connection and readiness to invest in creative exploration of your novel! These proposals range from Thematic Writing, Compare-Contrast to original story writing. You may also propose your own project idea.

Written Project Requirements: Check Project descriptions for required components. Full fledged writings typed, usually include: Pre Writing, Teacher Edited Version + Final. **List BOOK TITLE and AUTHOR on all versions.**

Art Projects: Often included in project requirements or listed as an option for extra credit. Most require a separate, fully developed writing. Art projects are in response to some thematic or character issue in the book, where you create in the medium of choice (wood, paint, pastels, but not just pencil.) some representation. Other options may include publishing a Newspaper from era of your novel, or writing then performing live or on videotape an original monologue or scene based on one of the characters within your book. **Always list BOOK TITLE and AUTHOR on all projects, as well your name**

We will be involved in other projects all through year. Work ahead, bring novel to class, some opportunities for reading. Feel free to submit project before deadline due dates.