Summer Reading Assignment 2024

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| **DIRECTIONS:** Students entering English 1 Honors are expected to read **one** book of their choice. Students should choose an age-appropriate book they have not read previously. Students will choose one assignment to complete. Assignments are due when students return from summer break. |

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| **ASSIGNMENT OPTION: (choose one)** | **REQUIRED ELEMENTS:** |
| **Option 1: Tissue Book Box**  Essentially, the idea is to create a visual representation of your summer reading book that you will present in the form of a tissue box (that we can stockpile the tissues and use them later in the year when we run out!)  **Materials Needed:**   * A tissue box (not used - it should have tissues in it!) - I recommend the cube shape (vs. the rectangle) * Paper, pens, markers, crayons, colored pencils, etc. to decorate. * If you would like to type out certain elements or print out graphics to include on your tissue box, you may! | * **SIDE 1: BOOK COVER -** Design/create a (miniature) brand new book cover for your novel that somehow represents the book. Be sure to include the title of the book and the author’s full name. * **SIDE 2: CHARACTERIZATION -** Choose one major or minor character from your book. Include the character’s name, a brief description of the character, and select **THREE** of the following elements of characterization to explain: (Please clearly label them)   + **Speech:** Include a “direct quotation” from your character speaking and explain why this is important to their character, what traits this quote reveals, etc.   + **Thoughts:** Include a “direct quotation” where your character is thinking privately or reflecting internally about something and explain why this moment is important to their character, what traits the quote reveals, etc.   + **Effect:** What is your character’s effect on other characters? How do others feel or behave in reaction to this character? What do others say about this character? Be as specific as possible in how your character has impacted others.   + **Actions:** What is your character’s most important actions in the book? How does this character generally act/behave? Do the character’s actions change at all throughout the book?   + **Looks:** What does your character look like and how does this impact the book? Is there anything unique about their appearance (age, race, gender, etc.) that influences their character? What is worth noting about their appearance or how they present themselves to others? * **SIDE 3: OVERALL MESSAGE -** What is the overall message or biggest takeaway that any reader can take away from your book? This should be a full, meaty paragraph (6-8 sentences). Please **bold** or underline the overall message and then explain how it is shown/demonstrated throughout the book. * **SIDE 4: RECOMMENDATION -** Give the book a rating out of 5 stars (1 star = the worst, 5 stars = the best) and write 3-5 sentences explaining your rating, why you liked/disliked it, who you would recommend it to, etc. Conclude by stating whether the book should be added to our school library!   \*Don’t forget to include **your name** and **class period** somewhere on your tissue box! (the bottom is fine) |
| **Option 2: Mood Board**  You will use Google Slides, PowerPoint, or Canva to create a **“mood board**” filled with images, photos, colors, designs, etc. that combine to represent your summer reading book. You will also write an explanation behind your choices. | * **MOOD BOARD:** Using Google Slides, PowerPoint, or Canva, layer a variety of colorful images to create a “mood board” ([click here for an example](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1hp8LeFTPU6yrpWJ70IjmZfVfegHWYNeq57WI5Zq91ZA/present)) that represents the different characters, setting, plot, symbols, elements, etc. of your summer reading book. Make sure the title and author of your book are included on the slide. Think about what colors or types of images best represent the “mood” and overall vibe of your book (almost as if your book had its own Pinterest board). You could even add some of your favorite “quotes” from the book.   + TIP: You can use [this website](https://www.remove.bg/) to remove the background of Google images so they can be layered.   + TIP: Select any image in Google slides, click “format options”, and add a “drop shadow” to help the images stand out on your slide. * **EXPLANATION:** Write 2-3 paragraphs (can be in a new Google Slide in the same presentation or a separate Google Doc) explaining the specific choices behind your mood board. Consider the following question(s):   + Why did you choose those colors/fonts?   + Why did you choose those specific images or quotes?   + How did you represent the setting on your board?   + Which specific characters or moments from your book did you choose to represent on your board? How?   + Did you include any specific symbols from your book? If so, what do they mean or represent?   + How did you attempt to “capture” the overall mood of your summer reading book?   + OR anything else you wish to explain further and connect to your book. |