

Summer Reading Project Requirements 9TH GRADE

All students are required to complete both Summer Reader project tasks **BEFORE** the 1st day of the 2022-2023 school year. These two project tasks will count as a major formative assessment which counts for 40% of your grade for the first nine weeks. Your English I teacher will assign the dates that each project is due when you come back to school. If you have any questions or concerns, please email the following 9th grade English teacher:

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Project Requirements:

- Every student will read **2 books** in total for the Summer Reader Project. One book will be assigned by your teacher and the other will be a student-choice book.
- Every student will complete 2 projects: One Book Review and One Illustration Review.

Book Choice #1 - Teacher Choice - Please purchase or rent one of these two books to read:

Sycthe by Neal Shusterman or **The Giver** by Lois Lowry

Book Choice #2 - Student Choice: The second book is a free choice for students to pick whichever book interests them the most; however, the book must have a **minimum of 250 pages** and must be of **appropriate nature and content for school setting**.

If you have any doubts about your book choice, please the 9th grade English teacher listed above for approval or confirmation.

**These two books do not have to be in print format. You can buy them with your iPad, Kindle, or Nook, or find a version of them online.

Wow, I am really busy in the summer! How can I find time to read TWO books?

- Reading before bedtime is a great way to get in quality, daily reading time. It helps you relax and wind down from your busy summer day.
- Carry your books everywhere-read while you are at the carwash, running errands, waiting in line at a store, at the beach or pool, or waiting to get picked up or picking up a family member from dance class, taekwondo or summer day camp! Remember, listening to an audio book version is also available.
- Don't RUSH to finish-take your time-read a little bit every day and ENJOY IT!

Project 1: Book Review (Use teacher-choice book)

- Use the **9th Grade Book Review Template found below** for your review. You can print the form out and fill it in, you can copy the format on a sheet of paper and fill it in, or you can create a Word File/Google document while using the same format and instructions.
- The **9th Grade Book Review Template** has been attached to this Summer Reader handout. A teacher-made example has also been attached if you feel you need a reference or a guide.
- Remember, the review will likely be seen by other students, so you don't want to spoil the book or ending for them.
- Also, you can see examples of book summaries or recommendations on the book jacket/back of the book, on sites like barnesandnoble.com, amazon.com, and goodreads.com. **Remember, these online or print examples are mentor texts for you to model your summary or recommendation - do NOT copy any examples from the internet or in print because this will be considered plagiarism, and the assignment will receive an automatic zero.**
- Please know that your English teacher wants to get to know your unique thoughts and writing style, so believe in your own ability to explain and create a good summary/recommendation.

Project 2: Book Illustration: (Use student-choice book)

- You will need to choose your favorite quotes from your book that demonstrates your author's unique writing style or any personal beliefs. Make sure your **quote is at least 2 complete sentences minimum or 5 complete sentences maximum**. Please select a quote that has meaningful word choice or comments on a significant topic or situation in the book or our world.
- **Add the title of the book and author**. Then, copy the quote (**include page # and chapter #**) and then create an illustration to decorate or help visualize these words. Your original drawing or painting can focus on a specific scene surrounding or representing the quote; you can be inspired by the internet but avoid copying other original work to avoid plagiarism.
- The **size of the design is up to you**, but you may choose to create your illustration on a regular 8 x 11 piece of paper, on a poster, or even a canvas of your size.
- On the back of your illustration, **please explain why you chose these lines** to best represent your author's writing style or your own personal beliefs (5 sentences minimum and 7 sentences max).
- Remember, this is an illustration, so you **must add color** effectively to attract your reader's attention; you may also use a black and white charcoal/pencil color scheme if this is your preference. Please see the Teacher-made Example to gain an idea of what a strong Book Illustration should look like and contain.

9th Grade Book Review

Name of Student: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author(s) of Book: _____

Genre of Book: _____

*please draw a self-portrait or a symbol that best represent you in this box >



A Brief Summary:

Please follow this rubric in creating your summary (but don't spoil the ending!):

- 1.) 5 complete sentences minimum and 10 complete sentences maximum.
- 2.) Use specific details (proper nouns) and imagery to describe your characters, setting, and conflict
- 3.) Follow proper grammar rules such as correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

Book Recommendation:

Please write about why you would tell others to read this book. You can discuss the characters, the conflict, the connection to our real-world, or the author's writing style.

Please follow this rubric in completing your recommendation:

- 1.) 5 complete sentences minimum and 8 complete sentences maximum.
- 2.) Use specific details and word choice
- 3.) Follow proper grammar rules such as correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

Teacher-Made Examples for Book Review and Book Illustrations

9th Grade Book Review

Name of Student:

Jason Miller

Title of Book:

The Witcher - The Last Wish

Author(s) of Book:

Andrzej Sapkowski

Genre of Book:

Fantasy - Fiction



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This book focuses on a monster hunter named Geralt of Rivia. Our protagonist Geralt is known as a witcher, a human who was genetically altered by magic; a witcher has only one purpose & to hunt and kill monsters of all shapes and sizes. In this adventure novel, Geralt is tasked with saving a cursed princess who was turned into a dangerous creature. While saving the princess is the main plot of the novel, the central conflicts of the story also focus on how Geralt must face and overcome the daily hatred and discrimination of being a witcher. In this world, monsters are not the only dangers a witcher must confront.

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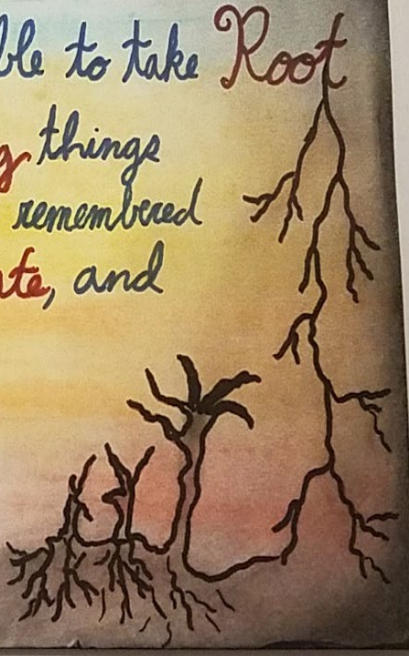
This book should be read by anyone who likes fantasy-adventure novels and authors who emphasize an attention to details; Sapkowski often provides vivid details during combat scenes and preparations needed before monster hunting. Moreover, this writer style also captures the struggles, needs, and desires of each figure in the story; however, the author also highlights any flaws and prejudices to provide characters who are complex and engaging. Therefore, I would highly recommend this epic-adventure fantasy that explores all sides of the human experience, good or bad.

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Uprooted

By: Naomi Novik

But she hadn't been able to take Root
She remembered the wrong things
and forgotten too much. She remembered
how to kill and how to hate, and
She forgotten
how to
grow



I choose this quote because these words capture a valuable lesson seen in the villain's character arc: the main antagonist, the Wood Queen, created the deadly dark forest due to her hatred for her husband's people and their betrayal. While I sympathized with the Wood Queen's feelings of revenge, she was ultimately corrupted from her attachment to her negative emotions, despite opportunities to forgive. Thus, because the villainess could not heal her broken heart, the protagonist had to suffer long-lasting consequences to overcome the conflict started by another. Therefore, this quote capture an important theme to live by: hatred and vengeance is a bitter pill that can destroy the enemy and ally as well.