

Book Report Assignment

1st Marking Period

Directions: You must select a historical fiction book to read that takes place in America before 1790. The book must be at your reading level and approved by Mr. Faupel. After finishing the book, you must select one of the following options to do as a book report:

1. **Create a Diary:** Write at least five entries that could appear in the main character's diary. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary. Each entry should have a date at the top. Each of the following elements should be described with detail in at least one of the diary entries: setting, other characters, important events (both factual and fictional). All entries should reflect the time period of the book. More than one element may be described in a single diary entry. Remember, you are pretending that YOU are the main character, and writing a diary. Include a cover for your diary with the main character's name.
2. **Write a Newspaper Article:** Design and write a front-page newspaper article about an event, or events, that occur in your book. This should look like a newspaper article and include the name of the newspaper, date, and headline and by-line of article, and should be typed in columns (Look at the front page of any newspaper for an example). Remember, newspaper articles include many facts and should be written as if this is "breaking news." Details about the setting, characters, and main events should all be included in this article. The newspaper article should reflect the time period of the book.
3. **Interview a Character:** Interview a character from your book. Write at least ten questions that will give the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about the events in the story. Make sure you include the character's responses to your questions. Responses to questions need to be more than just a sentence or two, and need to provide details from the book. Questions and responses should relate to the setting of the book, the character you are interviewing, other characters from the book, and events in the story (both factual and fictional). Questions and responses should reflect the time period of the book.
4. **Write a Traditional Book Report:** Answer the following questions in separate paragraphs. Remember, a paragraph consists of at least 3-5 quality sentences.
 - Paragraph 1: Describe the setting of this book in detail. When and where did the story take place? What historical facts did the author use for the setting? What was fictional? What were some things in the book that reflected this time period?
 - Paragraph 2: Describe the main characters and explain their importance to the story. What did they look like? How did they act? Were any of the characters real people from history? How did the time period affect the characters' lives?
 - Paragraph 3: Write a summary of the story, explaining the important events (This may take more than one paragraph). Which events in the story really happened? Which events were made up, or partially made up? How did the time period affect the events of the book?
 - Paragraph 4: What was the main problem in the story? How was that problem solved? What was the ending of the story? What about the ending was factual? What was made up?
 - Paragraph 5: What is your opinion of this book? Could the events in the book have actually happened? What makes you think so? Would you recommend it to others? Why, or why not?

All reports must:

- Be typed or neatly written in pen (depending on the chosen format)
- Include specific details from the book, so that I can tell you read the book.
- Describe both historical and fictional aspects of the book.
- Accurately reflect the time period of the book.
- Correctly follow all directions and format from the option chosen from above.
- Be free of spelling, punctuation, and grammar mistakes (use spell-check **and** have someone proofread your report before you turn it in).

Minimum Length Requirements:

6th Grade: 250 words

7th Grade: 300 words

8th Grade: 350 words

Due Dates

- September 15- Choose book and get it approved by Mr. Faupel
- October 9- Finish reading book
- October 16- Rough Draft of Book Report Due
- October 23- Final Draft Due

This assignment will be worth 100 points. Drafts may be turned in any time before their due dates. Do not put this assignment off until the last minute! You will have some time in class to read your book, but some work will need to be completed at home.