

# 8TH GRADE ENGLISH BOOK PROJECTS

**Reading Standard 2.0-The state standard recommends that 8th graders read one million words on their own each year.**

**Guidelines:** Projects should be in color, written neatly in pen or typed, double spaced with 12 pt. font (or larger, creative fonts when necessary) and should not have grammar or spelling errors. Creativity and effort are part of your overall grade. You will be graded on thoughtfulness (creativity and effort), neatness, spelling & grammar, and completeness. **These will be informally presented in front of the class!**

**Interview:** Conduct a mock interview of a main character from your book. Write at least 15 questions to ask giving the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about his/her role in the story. Then pretend you are the character and answer the questions. Questions must be thoughtful and should not be factual. **This activity should be at least two to three pages in length.**

**Diary:** Write a diary that one of the story's main characters might have kept before, during, or after the book's events. You must include the character's thoughts and feelings in the diary. Remember to tell me when the diary entries take place (before, during or after the book). **At least 15 entries are required. (Two to three pages long)**

**Movie Trailer:** Make a video of what the preview of the movie of your book would look like. Show some of the most exciting or funniest scenes and use voice-over to tell why people will want to see this movie. Include credits listing the book title and author's name. **Your video must be at least 2 minutes long.** You may only use books that have not already been made into movies.

**Diorama:** Construct a detailed 3-dimensional scene that includes models of people, buildings, plants, and animals from one of the main events of the book. Include a full **one page written description** of the scene that explains: the setting, the characters present, when the scene took place in the book, what is happening in the scene, and **why** the scene is important to the book.

**Travel Brochure:** Prepare a 3-fold travel brochure advertising the setting of your book using pictures that you have found or drawn. This brochure should persuade people to visit the setting of your book. Somewhere in your brochure you must include a detailed description of the setting of your book. Your brochure should have information on both the front and back for a total of six panels filled with information. **The paper must be at least 11 X 18 inches or bigger before folding.**

**Character Description:** Write a full description of 3 of the characters in the book. For each character please include: A physical description of the character (what do they look like). A description of the character's personality. Who the character's friends and family are. What was the most important thing that happened to the character? Why? Please also include a picture of each character. **At least 3 pages long**

**Timeline:** Make an illustrated timeline showing the important events of the story from the beginning of the book to the end. Each event on the timeline should have a picture and a 1-2 sentence caption explaining what the event is. On the back of your timeline draw a map showing the locations where the events on your timeline took place. Remember, timelines are always in chronological order. **At least 15 main events depending upon how complicated your book is.**

**Newspaper:** Create a newspaper for your book. Summarize the plot in one article; cover the weather in another, do a feature story on one of the more interesting characters in another. Include ads that would be pertinent to the story. Remember to format your newspaper so that it looks like a newspaper. All information in the newspaper must be things that you have written. You cannot copy articles or other information word for word from any other source. If you copy information you will not get credit for the project. **4 pages long. Publisher program suggested.**

**Poster:** Make a poster advertising your book so someone else will want to read it. Posters must be:

The size of a full size sheet of construction paper **(11 X 17) or bigger.**

You should not have any blank space showing (use the whole sheet of paper).

Illustrated with one or more scenes from the book. The title and author must be visible.

Include 8 reasons someone should read this book –in complete sentences! Be creative!

Don't just say "The book was interesting."

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**NEW OPTIONS: See me if you decide to do one of these.**

**Comic Book:** Make your book into a comic. Your comic should tell the story of your book, so don't leave out any important events. Don't forget to design a cover for your comic book, and remember, comic books have captions (or thought bubbles, etc.) so the characters can talk. **4 pages or more.**

Make a **CD/Soundtrack** for the movie with a paragraph explanation for each song choice. Be sure to create a nice CD cover and include a list of tracks on the CD.

Make a **PowerPoint** presentation based on the Setting, Characters, Conflict, Plot Events and Theme. You should have a decorated and detailed slide for each element, so a total of 6 slides or more.

Be a **Talk Show Host** interviewing a character(s) from the book. This should be a thorough interview and be at least **3 pages in length** Really go into depth about different character motivations and plot events from the novel.

Create a **photo album or scrap book** based on the book. Focus on different events or aspects of your book. Remember to include pictures, captions, written information, memorabilia, etc. that relate to each page.