

# Creative Book Report

## Synopsis

To begin the school year, you are invited to select a novel to read that you've never read before and complete a creative book report. This handout details the requirements.

## Overview

The book report has four required components:

1. Read a pre-approved novel
2. Write a one to two page summary of the novel using Google Docs
3. Create a Book Report Visual Display
4. Make a 3 to 5 minute presentation to the class

## Novel Requirements

The novel must be at least **150 pages** in length. You must select a novel that you have not previously read. The novel should be at or near **your reading level**. The novel must **be approved** by both your parents and Mr. Kinder.

## Novel Summary

Write a one to two page summary of the novel. You will write separate paragraphs on the following topics: **1) introduction, 2) main characters, 3) plot, 4) theme and/or lessons, 5) your opinion of the novel and recommendation?** Each paragraph must be a minimum of three sentences. Please correct spelling and grammar errors.

### 1. Introduction

- a. Write the title of the book and the author's name
- b. Briefly summarize the plot (only 1 to 3 sentences)
- c. Briefly say why you selected the book (1 sentence)

### 2. Main Characters

- a. Summarize the main characters (usually around 3 to 5 characters)
- b. State each character's name, their role(s) in the novel, and write brief descriptions of each character (e.g. not their hair color but their job, age, personality traits, etc.).

### 3. Plot

- a. Summarize the major events of the story
- b. Do NOT focus on every chapter... just the main events

### 4. Theme and/or lessons

- a. What major themes or lessons are predominant in the story?

### 5. Your Opinion and Recommendation

- a. What did you like about the novel and what didn't you like? Be specific.
- b. How would you change the novel?
  - a. Share a few specific reasons someone might want to read the novel.

## Book Report Visual Display

The primary purpose of the book report is to create a colorful **visual display** of the novel to present to the class. Suggested book report projects are listed below. You are welcome to make your own proposal. All reports must be approved.

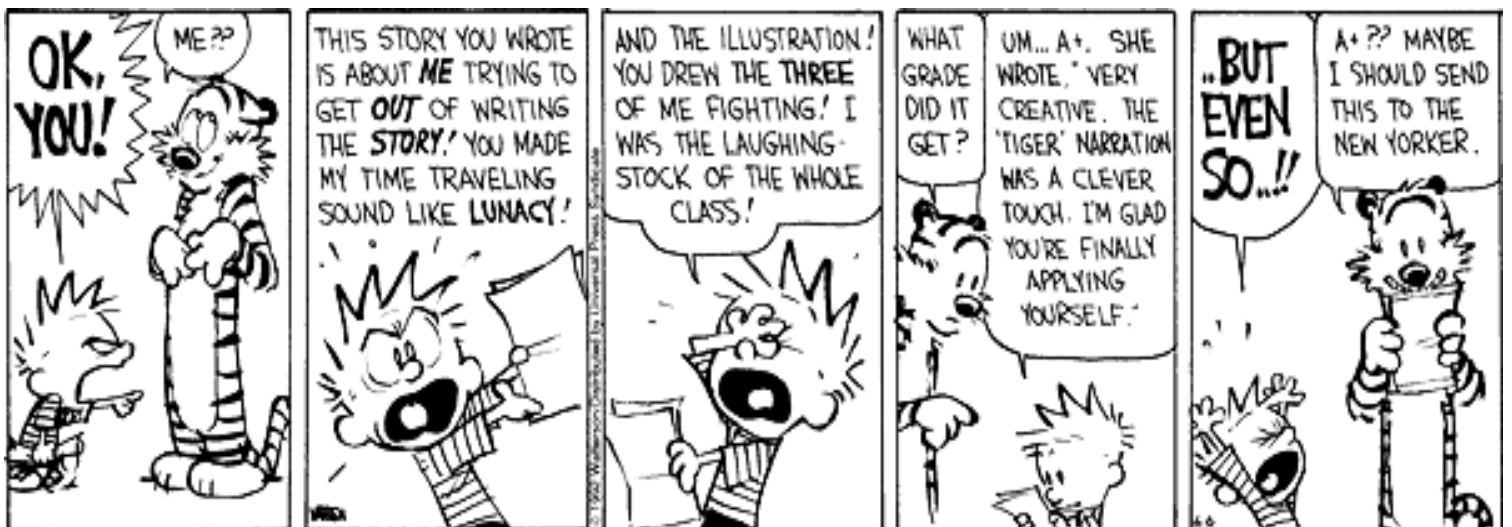
- Create a **Google Slides** or physical **poster** with five or more scenes and captions\* (3-5 sentences each) \*A caption is a brief summary of the scene.
- Create a **diorama** of one or more significant scenes; include a caption (5-10 sentences)
- **Act out** or **video tape** one or two scenes from the novel; include personal commentary
- Create a physical or digital **model** of the important scenes from the novel; include captions (3-5 sentences)
- Conduct an **interview** of two characters from the novel; include personal commentary
- Paraphrase one chapter into a **comic book**; five pages minimum
- Create a **game** based on the novel; ensure all main characters and key events are covered
- Assume the role of a main character and write a **journal** of the novel's events and the character's reactions and reflections to the events
- Find more **ideas online**. Please visit [wolfpups.org](http://wolfpups.org) for links to Book Report Ideas.

## Class Presentation

Briefly summarize the novel in your own words (do not read your summary) and share your opinion of the novel. Share your book report with the class. Answer the audience's questions.

## Group Option

You may work with one classmate. The expectations will increase proportionally. All students will receive the same grade. You may not change groups after your report has been approved.



# Creative Book Report Grading Rubric

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Each category is divided into sections. The total points possible are listed in parentheses.

### Novel Summary (30%)

1. Introduction
  - Title, author, brief plot summary, why book was selected \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
2. Main Characters
  - Brief summaries, character names, roles, and descriptions \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
3. Plot
  - Summarize major events \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
4. Theme and/or Lessons
  - Clearly stated and explained \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
5. Student Opinion and Recommendation
  - Likes, dislikes, suggestions for improvement, and recommendation \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
6. Legibility, spelling, and grammar
  - Easy to read and minimal spelling and grammar errors \_\_\_\_\_ (5)

### Book Report Visual Display (40%)

1. Clear visual display
  - Easy to see, use of colors, applied best effort \_\_\_\_\_ (20)
2. Captions and/or narrations
  - Neat, with minimal grammar and spelling errors \_\_\_\_\_ (20)

### Class Presentation (20%)

1. Brief summary of the plot \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
2. Shared opinion of the novel \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
3. Shared book report project to class \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
4. Speaking skills
  - Loud, clear, pacing, eye contact \_\_\_\_\_ (5)

Overall Effort (10%) \_\_\_\_\_ (10)

Extra Credit (if submitted early) +10

TOTAL POINTS EARNED \_\_\_\_\_ (100)

# Creative Book Report Commitment Form

Parent's Autograph \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing above, I hereby give permission for my child to read the novel listed below.*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Novel \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pages \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why do you want to read this novel?

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2. What activity will you complete for your visual display?

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The Book Report is due on **Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

To earn 10% extra credit the book report must be submitted by Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.